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"Mother Hudlin," One of the Oldest Settlers in Chicago, Dies After Long Illness at Her Home

HON. ROBERT GEORGE A SUCCESSFUL ATTORNEY

Dr. Charles E. Bentley Delivers Address Before Tuskegee Club Sunday Afternoon—Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Again Invited to Louisville to Perform an Operation Before the Red Cross Sanitarium—Banquet Tendered Hon. S. B. Turner by Admiring Friends—Prize Winner's Contest Dec. 20.

(By Cary B. Lewis.)

Freeman Bureau, 3000 South State St., Phone, Douglass 8058, Automatic 75-233.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 24.—(Special)—The sad news has just gone over the city that "Mother Hudlin" had passed away. Mrs. Hudlin was one of the oldest settlers in Chicago, and was one of the founders of the Old Settlers Club, composed of men and women who were born in Chicago. She was a delightful personage. She lived at 15 West 51st street for a number of years and had a number of children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. She was a member of Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church and was one of its most helpful and substantial members. Her funeral will be at Quinn Chapel church today at 2 o'clock. It is expected to be one of the largest funerals ever held in this city.

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Dr. Charles E. Bentley Addresses Tuskegee Club.

Dr. Charles E. Bentley, the noted surgical dentist, and a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, delivered an address to the Tuskegee Club on Sunday, at 3812 Wabash avenue. The address was especially prepared for the occasion, and was highly enjoyable. Dr. Bentley recently delivered an address down the State speaking before a white school on "Paul Lawrence Dunbar."

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Lawyer Robert George.

The colored lawyer in the city has always made good. In Chicago he has done as well in the profession as the average doctor. The relation between the attorney and the client is not necessarily as close as that of the physician and the patient, but is more businesslike and formal. The lawyer in this city is rapidly winning weight and influence and Mr. Robert George is one of this number. He stands highly with both races and is recognized at the Chicago bar as one of the highly qualified lawyers in the State. Just last week we saw him conducting a case in Judge Foel's court, City Building, and it made us feel proud of the dignified and intelligent manner in which he conducted his case. A review of his work will be given later on. He is a member of Grace Presbyterian Sunday school and a high Pythian.

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Louis B. Anderson Favored for Alderman.

Attorney Louis B. Anderson will have a big support in all sections of the Second Ward for Alderman. He has launched his campaign and his friends are now busy getting pledges. He is a member of the Second Ward Executive Committee, Republican, and has lived in the ward for twenty years. Mr. Anderson is a practicing lawyer and for sixteen years was county for Cook and is a well informed politician, a capable public servant, ex-president of Appomattox Club, Captain and Adjutant of the Eight Regiment, I. N. G. Many of his friends claim he will sure win the nomination.

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Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Again Invited to Louisville.

Dr. Daniel Hale Williams has been asked to go to Louisville, Ky., to perform some operations at the Red Cross Sanitarium. Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore and a number of other prominent physicians have invited the distinguished surgeon to return at an early date. Dr. Williams has letters also from doctors in Nashville, Birmingham, Montgomery and other cities in the South, urging him to do some major surgery work. Dr. Williams was unable to attend the big surgical congress in the East last week on account of the number of cases he had that need special attention at St. Luke's Hospital.

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Al Russell Banqueted.

Mr. Al Russell, who conducts the famous buffet and cafe at 35th and State street, was tendered a banquet last Wednesday night by his friends. Mr. Russell did not know that he had so many strong and personal friends until he had his 56th birthday celebration. The reception and dance was held at the Odd Fellows Hall, 3341 South State street. Invitations had been issued by his personal friend, Mr. Charles Young. The guests however, began to arrive about 11 o'clock as the hours were from 11 until 2 a. m. Mr. Emmerson was at the piano and among the entertainers were Miss Ruth Belmont, Calvin Young, Mrs. Hicks and Will Redmond. Mr. Charles Young was the chairman of the committee and toastmaster. He saw that every one present had a delightful time and that the best that Ponder, who served was given the limit of the menu. Wine flowed as freely as water. Mr. Al Russell delivered a speech in which he thanked his many friends for being present. He proved to be a good speaker and had every one smiling, shouting hurrah for Russell. It was later learned that Mr. Russell was a candidate for Alderman on the Democratic ticket and that numbers of his friends had petitions being signed for him. The good time and cheer lasted until late in the night. Chas. Young said Mr. Russell was not only a good man but would make a good candidate, one whom he believed the voters could do well to support. Mr. Russell will make a strong campaign in the next few weeks. Among those who were present and delivered short speeches and had a good time: H. Alfonso Russell, S. L. Emmerson, Dr. Jones, Will Hanley, Lawyer Kelly, Billy Sanders, Fred Gross, Geo. Russell, John Fowell, Chas. Osby, Will Redmond, Calvin Young and a host of young women. Every one said before leaving that they wished it were possible for Mr. Russell to have a birthday party every week.

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Book Lover's Club.

The Book Lovers' Club met this week at the home of Miss Elizabeth Clark, 3812 Wabash avenue, the members are studying the Wagnerian operas and later will take up literature. Most of the brilliant young society people are members.

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Four Artists For Dec. 1.

Mr. Dave Peyton has selected Miss St. Claire White, Mrs. Carolyn Boyd Lillerson, Mr. Wright Smith and Mr. Ollie Powers to be on the program with the Grand Symphony Orchestra at the Grand Theatre Tuesday afternoon at the Grand Theatre. Already Mrs. Marie Parker, clerk at the theatre has a number of boxes sold and reservations for the main floor. The success of the last musical has been the talk of Chicago.

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Mr. Louis A. Morris Here.

Mr. Louis A. Morris, of Louisville, Ky., is in the city and is stopping at his cousin's, Mr. Carl Pondexter. Mr. Morris will be here indefinitely. He is a graduate of the Louisville Medical College, but for a number of years has been employed in the Louisville postoffice as clerk. Mr. Morris brings the good news that the writer's mother and father are in good health and will enjoy a big turkey on Thanksgiving.

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Minstrel Dec. 10.

Mr. Charles Wilson, one of the popular young men of the city, a lawyer by profession, and generally liked all over the city, is planning to give a minstrel at the Y. M. C. A. on Wabash avenue, Dec. 10. Mr. Wilson has his plans well in hand, and from all reports he says he will give a first class show, and that he will arrange to seat between 800 and 900 people. The proceeds are for the benefit of the association. It's a worthy cause and should be largely attended.

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Careta Day Back.

Mrs. Careta Day, who has just returned from New York, after a delightful visit, and was on at the Grand Theater this week.

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Mr. George W. Ellis spoke to the Bethel church members on Sunday night, subject: "The Significance of True Christianity." Mr. Ellis is a lay preacher of the A. M. E. church.

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Lawyer Carter Defends Trotter.

At the Olivet Literary at Olivet Baptist church last Sunday, Attorney James G. Carter was asked to speak on the Trotter-Wilson incident. Rev. Fisher had preceded him and objected to a resolution being sent to the New England Editor, congratulating him for his courageous manner in resenting the administration's attitude toward segregation. This made Lawyer Carter's blood boil. He arose and paid Editor Trotter a high tribute and reasoned well how loyally and nobly Mr. Trotter acted in defense of his race and when Mr. Carter had finished every one in the house was with his views. The matter is to come up again and Mr. Carter is to be the principal speaker.

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Prize Winner's Contest Dec. 20.

Bethel Literary will have its annual prize contest, Dec. 20, at Bethel church. Those who have won prizes in former contests will be on the program. Those entering the contest must have their thesis in by the last of the month so that they can be marked by the judges.

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Hon. B. F. Moseley offered a resolution at Appomattox Club last Saturday night thanking Mr. Delbert Lee for the fine clock he made for the club. It was presented to the club Thursday night and accepted by President Frank Hamilton. Mr. Louis B. Anderson spoke after which there was dancing and a menu served with Prof. Emanuel as the chairman of the committee.

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Hon. S. B. Turner Banquetted.

Hon. S. B. Turner, editor of the Illinois Idea, and recently elected a member of the Illinois Legislature from the First Congressional District, was tendered a banquet by his friends on last Thursday night. Prominent politicians, colored and white, were present and toow part in the speechmaking and enjoyed the menu served by G. W. Scott, the caterer. Mr. A. N. Fields, the brilliant editor and politician, came from Peoria, Ill., to act as toastmaster. Mr. Fields holds the palm for being the cleverest man at this art and nobly did he acquit himself. on this occasion. Mr. H. W. Rhea, associate editor of the Idea, reported the banquet for his paper, and he gave a splendid writeup of the affair. During the serving of the delicious menu a string orchestra furnished the music while Mr. Brewington and Mr. G. W. Blackwell looked after the arrival of the guests. The principal speaker was William Hale Thompson. Mr. Thompson who is a candidate for mayor told of the number of pledges he had received amounting to $130,000. He said Mr. Turner would not only make a mark in the Legislature, but would make every man proud of him and the citizens in Chicago may sit up and take notice. Hon. Edward H. Wright, Attorney George W. Ellis, Attorney Louis B. Anderson, and others delivered addresses. Mr. Turner made a splendid address and pledged himself to give a good account of himself at the Legislature and would do everything in his power to prove a servant well worthy of the confidence imposed upon him by the voters of his district.

FENTON JOHNSON, A LITERARY FIND, LAUDED BY A COTERIE OF THE LITERATI.

(By Cleveland G. Allen.)

Special to The Freeman.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23, 1914.—Fenton Johnson, the young poet of Chicago, who has been hailed by Albert Chow, Josephine Turck Baker, Alice Hegan Rice, and other leading literary people of the nation, as one of the most remarkable literary finds of the century, gave a recital in this city last Thursday evening at the Harlem Congregational church of which the Rev. Dr. W. H. Holder is pastor.

It was the young writers' first appearance in this city and despite the inclement weather there was a large audience present.

The announcement of the first appearance of the new poet of the race, who has been named the logical successor of Dunbar, created wide interest in the literary and social life of this city and the recital was one of the leading events of the late autumn.

Mr. Johnson was supported by Mrs. Ruby Mason and George H. Jones, well known singers of this city. Their repertoire ran the gamut of classical lore and they furnished fine support.

Mr. Johnson offered for his recital poems taken from his first literary success, "A Little Dreaming" which made its appearance in 1913. The interpretation of these poems by Mr. Johnson brought out the naturalness and genius of the poet and displayed a remarkable background for his life's work.

Among the poems recited were: "In De Beulah San," "Malindy," "What Mr. Robinson Sais," and "When I Die."

The recital is the first of a series of recitals to be given by Mr. Johnson in this and other cities and judging from the interest manifested on his initial bow he will meet with much success in the future.

The leading publications of the country, the American Review of Reviews, the Poetry Journal, the Editor and Correct English have spoken in fine terms of the literary merit of Mr. Johnson's work. Together with these publications the colored press has joined in praising the works of the young writer.

The comments from The Indianapolis Freeman, Chicago Defender and the Crisis, have been notworthy. Mr. Johnson is in this city attending the School of Journalism of Columbia University and representing the Eastern Press Association, one of the largest news associations of the country.

GENERAL NEWS OF GREENVILLE, TEXAS.

Miss Mildred Smith of White Wright was in the city last week, the guest of Miss Beatrice Owens. She was also a pleasant visitor at the Silver Leaf Club, which met with Miss Cornelia McCowen, Wednesday, November 11. .. Rev. H. R. Wilson, Field Missionary of the Baptist denomination, was with Rev. Felix Jones and his people Sunday. .. Rev. A. D. Hutchson, of Dallas, was visiting in the city last week with relatives and friends .. There was baptizing at New Hope Baptist Church Sunday evening. .. The Business League met at the Pastime Theater last Sunday evening, November 15, with a pretty fair attendance, and discussed some very important subjects that are of vital importance to the Negro race. The meeting adjourned to meet the last Sunday in this month, and it is earnestly requested that the business men and women of the city be present at that meeting. .. Mr. James Augustus is very sick at his home on South Stone Wall street. .. Little Ollie Vernon Howell is suffering from an attack of sore throat. ..The Sanford Stock Company is cleaning up at the Pastime Theater. .. Mrs. Lillie Bumphus died at her home on East Hemphill street Tuesday morning, Noverber 17. Burial was Wednesday, November 18. Funeral directed by the A. D. Key undertaking establishment. .. Mrs. M. M. McKinney, of Navasota, Texas, has accepted a position as an assistant teacher at East Hill school. .. The Ladies' Progressive Club met at the beautiful home of Mrs. Leonadus Whaley, corner Mouldon and Hemphill streets, November 4. The meeting was conducted by the vice-president, Mrs. L. C. Martin. The club ladies made a donation to some of the sick people on East Hill. After the business session a dainty refreshment of fancy cakes and ice cream was served. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. J. C. Gatlin November 11, at the residence of Mrs. J. A. Wallace, corner of Hemphill and Gee streets... The County Teachers' Institute is in session in the city. A large number of teachers from different parts of the county are in attendance. Dr. N. J. Atkinson addressed the institute on Tuesday morning on pellegra. .. Gloomy Gus Smith is a new member of the Ganford Stock Company. .. The Ladies' Progressive Culture Club met at the residence of Mrs. J. A. Wallace on November 11th, with Mrs. J. G. Gatlin hostess. The pretty home was quite attractive for the occasion. Several good talks were made by the ladies of the club towards helping to improve the conditions of the public schools. It was voted that a medicine cabinet be sent to each of the schools on Thanksgiving day for the benefit of the children. Mrs. M. M. McKinney as a pleasant visitor to the club. The hostess served tuna fish salad on lettuce leaves, Saratoga chips, bread and butter sandwiches, hot chocolate and cake. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Prof. Crow on College Hill Wednesday, November 18th. Mrs. J. S. Gatlin, club reporter. .. Freeman on sale every Saturday at the Pastime Theatre. W. D. Pratt, reporter.

MOUND CITY, ILL.

Young Estate Sold; Belonged to Negroes.

On Saturday, November 21, Master-in-Chancery Charles L. Rice, sold at the south door of the court house one hundred and seventy-one acres of farm land which was appraised at $12,750, for the sum of $8,500. This land was the greater part of the Young estate, which was considered to be the most valuable property owned by our people in this county. The lack of sticking-together on the part of the heirs of said estate resulted in the passing of this property into the hands of the other race. Little by little the best farm land is getting out of our hands. Fifteen years ago the Negro had well-fixed farms all over the county, but after the old heads passed away the young soon let land go, too. When there is a partition it means that the highest bidder (generally a white man) gets the property, and after the court fees are paid, the money to be divided among the heirs is small in comparison to the value of land per acre. There is a real loss of $4,000 in this transaction because of disagreeing. .. On Sunday Mr. John Garvin, a well-to-do farmer of Menon, Ind., made a visit to his daughter, Miss Bessie, who is one of the teachers of our public school. .. Rev. W. H. Speese, pastor of the A. M. E. church, has secured the services of Mrs. A. J. Goins-Wade, evangelist, to run a fourteen days' revival meeting, beginning November 29. .. The second entertainment given in the assembly hall of the Lovejoy school by Room 2, under the supervision of Miss Garvin, was indeed a very delightful affair to all present. Miss Garvin is a graduate of Wilberforce University, and is making a good showing in the intermediate grades... The Literary Debating Society met at the A. M. E. church Thursday evening. The following was the subject for debate: Resolved, That the Soul Reaches Its Final Destiny Immediately After Death. Affirmative, Rev. G. W. Braddox, Chas. Scates. Negative, R. Stovall and Wm. Oneal. The affirmative won. .. A splendid lesson of patronage by white citizens is given in the support of the pressing business ran by our thrifty Richard Grant on Main street, who has won a good reputation in this line of work. Within a year, more than three white competitors have gone out of business simply because Grant had a monopoly on the work. .. The Peerless Club met at Mrs. Willis Logan's Wednesday and spent the evening in needle work. The next meeting will be at Mrs. Della Clark's... Mrs. Lula Kelly, widow of the late George Kelly, has gone to Quincy, Ill., to live with her daughter, Mrs. Irene Bullet.

BOZEMAN, MONT.

Special to The Freeman:

Richard and Pringles showed on the 19th and made good, unlike the Jubilee Singers, who made this circuit last carnival, they failed to make good on account of using the rough stuff. And if they make this circuit another year they will have to cut it. A hint is sufficient. .. Mrs. T. Dabney entertained at her residence, 613 North Tracy, on the 19th, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Walker and Mr. J. H. Hilliard, and while Mrs. Dabney was arranging and making everything ready, a championship game of bridge was indulged in between Mr. Walker, Mr. Dabney, Mr. Rogers and Mrs. Rodgers. Up to the time to dine Mrs. Rodgers and Mr. Dabney seemed to be the only ones playing. At this juncture Mrs. Dabney appeared on the scene and asked the guests to supper, which was lovely and served in courses. The table was nicely decorated with swell linens and the legs groaned under the burden. Mrs. Dabney is some cook, and after supper the quartet was called on to finish the championship game. All along the game was amusing ,as Mr. Walker is a natural comedian. Mrs. Rogers and Mr. Dabney finished with all honors. .. Mrs. Joe Forman was in town this week from Butte, Mont., selling tailor-made suits. .. Mr. M. H. Walker, proprietor of the Art Shoe Shining Parlor, No. 3 North Tracy street, will be glad to furnish you with the Freeman. .. Read the best colored paper in the United States and keep posted on what our race is doing. J. H. Hilliard, 613 North Tracy street.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

(By Z. L. Breedlove, Phone, Bell 1659.)

Mrs. Tisue Montgomery entertained a number of friends at a party Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. L. H. Kirk, 409 East Vine street, in honor of Mrs. Arthur Wade, of Paducah, Ky., who is visiting her. Whist and dancing was among the main features. Russian tea was served. Everyone reported a very good time...Miss Nellie Donell, of Kansas City, Mo., is visiting friends here. .. Mrs. John Woods and Mrs. Minnie Johnson left Saturday for Indianapolis to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Anna Carlton, 513 West North street. .. Mr. S. A. Johnson left Monday evening for St. Louis, Mo., to see his uncle, Mr. Thomas Boykin, who is sick. .. A. M. E. church: The sermon used by the pastor at the morning hour was on "Service Rewarded." The thought brought out by the pastor was that we owe it to our fellow-men to render the best service our body and mind is capable of. On this depends our reward here and hereafter. The services throughout the day were well attended. Rev James used for his evening subject, "The Religion of Our Fathers Is Sufficient for Our Children." .. At Salem Baptist: Rev. J. M. Owens, the pastor, preached in the morning on "Faith and Works," James 11:26. The text, "For as the body without works is dead also." "The Good Shepherd" was taken for his sermon theme in the evening. "Christ is the door by which all must enter. One must follow His teachings and walk in His footsteps to enter eternal life." .. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mann gave a party in honor of Mrs. Influence Thompson at their residence, 602 East White street, Friday evening. .. The Freeman on sale at 32 North Hickory street, by Breedlove & Co's. news agency.

LEWISBURG, TENN.

Chester Bader, of Champaign, Ill., has organized a football team in this city to play Shelbyville, Tenn., on Thanksgiving Day. .. Mr. Alex Floyd, one of Lewisburg's most popular young men, is in McKennietown for several days.

DECATUR, ALA.

The A. M. E. Conference has made many sad hearts by moving from the church of this city Rev. Calhoun. He was loved by his members and made many friends here, who are sad over the departure of such a good man. .. Come to the weekly meetings of the Young Men's Club. They meet at the First Baptist Church each Monday night. .. Class No. 2 of the First Baptist Church Sunday school is the real thing. The class is taught by Prof. J. A. Wilson, principal of the Decatur high school.

MASS MEETING LARGELY ATTENDED!

Hon. J. T. Rosewood, of Kleburg, Markets One Thousand Pounds of Choice Pecans in Dallas, Tex.

MASONIC LODGES TO CELEBRATE ST. JOHN'S DAY

Chester Melton and Miss A. C. Lott are Daily Receiving Congratulations Over their Recent Marriage—The Laboring Men and Professional Men's League is Striving to Have Every Voter of the Race Pay his Poll Tax and be a Man Among Men—Revival at Munger Ave. Baptist Church a Success.

(By Col. J. G. Griffin, Phone Haskell 6956, 2922 Cochran St.)

Stick to your job, be on time and make good should be the slogan of every wage earner these hard times. The laboring men and Professional Men's League of Dallas are striving to have every voter of the race pay his poll tax and be a man among men. They are aiding in the negro park getting which is badly needed by the race here.

Hon. J. T. Rosewood, of Kleburg, brought to Dallas market last week over one thousand pounds of pecans, which he found a ready sale for and a good choice price.

The friends of Mr. Chester Melton and Miss A. C. Lott, the dressmaker, are daily congratulating them since their wedding, which took place Wednesday of last week. May their union bring forth and multiply.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gamble have added some improvements to their 2804 State street residence.

The infant son born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller Jr., Thursday of last week, died and was buried on Friday afternoon of last week.

Prof. J. W. Jeffery, of Terrell, an ardent Freeman admirer, spent a while here with friends and returned to his school work.

Mr. C. H. Calhoun is visiting his wife and son and other relatives in Beaumont for a while.

Daddy Garrett visited relatives in Austin and returned, and can be found on duty at the roundhouse.

All the Masonic lodges of the city are invited to take a part with Crystal Palace Lodge No. 167 in the celebration of St. John's Day on December 27, 1914, at their hall. An appropriate program of exercises is to be presented and a general getting together on a new Masonic Temple for all the Masonic bodies in the city is the watchword.

Mr. Sam Mills and a party enjoyed their opossum hunt last Saturday night.

Mr. Lovings, one of the pleasure kings of Dallas, has added a new brick enclosure for the winter dances at his Jackson street pleasure place, and you are made welcome there at all times.

The mass meeting held at New Hope Baptist church last Sunday night for delinquent girls State Training School was largely attended and a full explanation as to the proposition, its plans, ways and means, as well as its purposes were creditably totaled up to the satisfaction of all parties concerned and present. Dr. A. S. Jackson, chairman; Mrs. Nellie Day, Mrs. Adalie M. Jackson, Mrs. Julia C. Frazier and W. O. Bundy is the active committee for the colored people of the city. Judge Quintin D. Corley of the county court, and Mrs. E. P. Turner are giving every assistance obtainable to the move.

Banks & Son, dealers in all kinds of secondhand goods, are now located at Bryan and Central avenue.

The remains of Mr. Abe Fuqua, a pioneer of Dallas county, was laid to rest from his late home, on Cochran street, last Sunday afternoon. He leaves a large number of relatives and friends to mourn his demise.

Mr. Green Brown, the wet goods merchant of the airship squad, of East Dallas, spent several days visiting in Waco. Has returned all punctured, with valves open for another start to tax his inventive genius to its utmost capacity on a cargo up the Brazos when the price on cotton goes up.

Miss Juanita Willis and others have begun their studies in Texas College, at Tyler, for this term.

The revival at Mungar Avenue Baptist church is proving quite a successful one. Several have been added to the church and the good preaching is bringing others nightly. Rev. King and his aids are championing a worthy cause and your help, dear brothers and sisters of other churches, will be appreciated and your presence not be lost at any time in our meetings. Come. Will you come into the house of the Lord?

Mr. Edgar Wallace, of this city, has been spending a few weeks in and around the Falls. Was here a while the past week, but blew back.

Mr. Perkins, better known as Doctor, is back in the metropolis after several days' pleasure and business in central Texas, all to the good, and is greeting his friends with a smile.

The Bryan is open to the public once more. Mrs. Ethel Warfield is on duty and will see after your every want in good things to eat, while Mr. W. H. Lightfoot, the moneyed prince, who is ever on the alert to please each and every one, will care for the merman with the bank roll. For the eats at a low price, so call and be served, day or night.

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Clay have sold their cafe to some Greeks, corner Swiss and Central avenue.

The various hunters of Dallas, and especially those of the Pastime Gun Club, have been having the best of luck of late in bagging large quantity of game on their hunts. Thanksgiving they come, they conquered, by their good marksmanship.

Don't forget to patronize your colored business places, Mr. and Mrs. Colored People. That wood and coal, those groceries and other needed things for the home.

A large number of friends here will be pained to learn that death has removed Col. Tony A. Smith, of Galveston, Tex. The end came Nov. 15th. He was a Knight of Pythias, an Odd Fellow and an active member in the military departments of the two orders. His place will no doubt be a hard one to fill. The Colonel was loved by one and all who knew him. His never faltering ambitions desired to go on and on and on upward, and do all the good you can. He lived for others.

Special to The Freeman, Corsicanna, Texas:

Mr. Ben Jackson, one of the oldest citizens, has been called from labor to reward, and his voice is no more. His pious disposition and gentlemanly qualities that made him like a patron saint to both races, has been hushed. His funeral was largely attended and several touching resolutions were read on his christian work as a man and citizen. Relatives and friends bow to the will of God, the Father. The remains was laid to rest last Saturday.

Mr. Frank Bledsoe is up and out after an accident which happened last Monday. His left foot was run over.

Mr. I. M. McCoy, D. George Taylor, W. N. Nelson, of the Sunny Dixie Minstrels, spent last Monday here from their show and were the guests of show folk friends, who are here at the various playhouses, and Manager Chester Johnson, of the Mammoth picture house.

Mr. Tyler, the Ball street cafe man, is up after several days' illness.

The Morgan Busch Sanitarium in the Finch building, was opened to the public last Monday and many gifts were received. The generous and public spirited citizens of Dallas are welcoming these young doctors in having a place for the race where out of town doctors can bring their patients and treat them and operate and hold other examinations, with the able assistance of trained attendants at all times.

Stop in or phone Haskell 963. We have it. Secondhand goods of all kinds bought, sold and exchanged and rented. Special attention given to all kind of repair work. Our shop is complete. Banks & Son, Bryan and Central avenue.

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LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Dr. J. Mitchell Smith, of Chicago, Ill., formerly of New Orleans, La., now in Los Angeles, Cal., a dealer in cigars, tobacco, toilet articles, candies, soft drinks, magazines, and all the best colored journals ,and among the best weeklies, The Indianapolis Freeman, is always on hand at said number—955½ Naomi avenue, near Twelfth street.

KENTUCKY'S CAPITAL!

Editor of the "Star" Fined in County Court for Protecting the Youth of His Race—Commonwealth Attorney W. C. Marshall Says: "Negro Has 'No Right' to Criticize White Men Personally, Officially or Legally, Under Any Circumstances"—Brands the Editor as a "Nappy-Headed Brute"—K. N. I. I. 1914 Diplomas Show Up to Be Defective and "Liable" to Give Trouble to the 1915 Class Under Russell's Administration.

(By Hardin Tolbert, Member of National Negro Press Association.)

FRANKFORT, Ky., November 17.—(Special).—The brewing of the affairs at the Kentucky Normal and Industrial Institute for colored persons, which came to a head on October 19, 1914, when petitions were drawn up by the students and presented to the Governor, the Board of Trustees and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, asking for the removal or resignation of the present President, G. P. Russell, after general complaints and grievances between the student body and the President had taken place. A student arose in the chapel and recited their complaints to President Russell, who had him arrested for breach of the peace, and many of them were brought to the Franklin county court and fined. Russell said in court that the Trustee Board was employing Lawyer Guy Briggs to aid the prosecuting side. We wonder whether the board is paying Lawyer Briggs' salary from the trustees' individual earnings or from the funds of taxpayers of the State of Kentucky? Former Judge and Mayor James H. Polsgrove has just been recently appointed as a trustee of the Kentucky Normal and Industrial Institute, and is in no way responsible for the recent disturbance at that school. As a public servant and a representative of the great common people he demonstrated, while Mayor of Frankfort, to protect an Afro-American from an angry mob of his race. The editor of the Star, the writer, made charges against the present management of the Kentucky Normal and Industrial Institute for allowing card playing, drinking, smoking, and even gambling, to go on at that school, and criticized the using of the taxpayers' money in unnecessary ways and in such extravagance that could have been avoided.

The editor also mentioned about the report of the last January probe committee from the legislature, when they severely criticised the buying of a $500 bull and cows costing $300 a head and selling the calves for $6 to run a small school dairy. The Star said that these matters should have been adjusted between the student body and the faculty; should never have gone to the court house to disgrace the students and faculty and the school.

President Russell demanded Miss Willie Mae Torian, of Chcago, to leave the premises and had her arrested, though at a later date, when Prof. Robert G. Harreld got killed, said that the dead man had Miss Torrian arrested. It was so disgraceful that two white men, who knew nothing of the young lady or her troubles, went her bond of $50. It was alleged that she was innocent of the charges against her, and her case since has been thrown out of court with fifteen other cases instituted against the students in the Franklin County Court.

The Star charged Russell with sending a resolution denouncing the Rev. D. C. Carter because he had said something in his sermon that Russell did not like. It was proved in court that Russell "dictated the resolutions to Messrs. James Ward and M. J. Sleet, eulogizing himself and at the same time denouncing the pastor, and pretending to be the work of the students instead of Russell." It was also proved in court that the alleged card playing and gambling said to have gone on in the school actually existed to the President's knowledge, though he denied it firmly.

The Star said: "If these girls had been the Trustees' daughters, they would not like for them to be treated as these colored girls are being treated." This paragraph seemed to have been the most conspicuous part of the paper according to the lawyers representing the commonwealth, whom it is alleged to have excited prejudice into the minds of the jurymen's decision against the editor.

In the argument of Commonwealth Attorney W. C. Marshall, he called the writer a "dirty black brute," and said that he "had no right whatever to criticise any white man, whether personally, officially or legally, regardless of what they might say or do." His impassioned speech before the jurymen is alleged to have been based upon prejudice. He referred to the editor as a black scoundrel who ought to have "hickeys" in his hand and be put to work on the rock pile instead of trying to get by easy making a few nickels or dimes selling a little old Nigger paper.

The editor believes that his ability is as great as a journalist as the Commonwealth Attorneys' ability has shown as a lawyer, as we do not take things and assume immediately an offensive attitude to the bad things said about us when we are defending a noble and just cause of the boys and girls recently mistreated by G. P. Russell; though the editor has not received one penny for his service. Money can not buy the Star, but we are willing to go down in defeat and believe that right will triumph after a while. Lawyer Leslie W. Morris, who represented the writer in a most dignified manner, did not try to excite prejudice, but he asked the jurymen "not to muzzle the mouth of the public press," and contended that his client had a right to criticise any public servant. He also said that Judge Polsgrove had asked the court to dismiss the case, and that Mr. George Hannen had shown his disinterestedness in the case by not making his appearance at the court house. Ten dollars and costs was the verdict agreed upon by the jury against the defendant, which was nice in the land of Dixie.

Diplomas of K. N. I. I. Show Defect.

Many people let G. P. Russell fool them by saying that the diplomas are all right without the endorsement of the Department of Education. He claims that the Attorney General has settled that. The Attorney General has given two opinions, and it will take a suit in court to tell which opinion is right, which shows G. P. up and shows that his diplomas are liable to give trouble to those who get them; it is a fact that members of the class of 1914 are already having trouble. If you don't believe it, here is a letter from a member of that class:

"Dear Friend—I was brought into question as to the trouble concerning our certificates of 1914. The trustees asked me if I did not have another certificate from Christian County. I told them that I had taken the examination and heard that I had passed. So they refused to hire me upon my diploma of 1914. This was at Campbellsville, Ky. I left my certificate in Campbellsville for consideration. They have failed to return it. "If" it is good my salary will be near $70 per month; if not, it will be $60. The superintendent is waiting for its return.

"Yours fraternally,
"U. S. POSTON."

"Clinton, Ky."

The Students' Misled Parents.

From letters that we have observed recently it is shown how the parents of the students at the Kentucky Normal and Industrial Institute are laboring under false impressions. For instance, a boy at that school by the name of S. L. Meaux has a letter in his possession that was sent to his parents at Danville, Ky., stating things to the boy's parents that he did not do in connection with the recent disturbance at the Kentucky Normal and Industrial Institute, or which he did not dream of doing. The letter was sent by G. P. Russell.

WHAT OUR WOMEN ARE DOING.

Miss Beatrice R. Leete has charge of the domestic science department at Hampton Institute and Miss Ellen Cope is the physical culture director for girls.

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Mrs. Carrie Wilson, Terre Haute, Ind., grew peaches this year nine inches in circumference. She raised the trees from the seed and the fruit was of unusually fine quality.

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Miss Mary Curtis, an expert stenographer and a notary public, Washington, D. C., has written a book on the value of the Negro in the different wars.

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Dr. Mary F. Waring, Chicago, had the unanimous endorsement of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs and of the City Federation, numbering 52 clubs, to fill a vacancy in the Illinois Commission of the Semi-Centennial Exposition.

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The Oklahoma Guide is published by Miss Ridley, a niece of the former editor and owner, who recently died.

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Miss Effie G. Green, writing from Winnipeg, Canada, says the majority of the colored people are a floating population. There is one colored teacher in the public schools, a few colored men in business and one colored church, a Methodist.

The first Negro club woman was Frances Ellen Watkins Harper.

Mrs. Edna Fleming is supervisor of colored kindergartens in Indianapolis, Ind. In conjunction with the Woman's Council, she has organized a story telling club among the children of the public schools.

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The women of Denver, Colo., have a Self-Improvement Club and have a thorough course of study in the arts, sciences, civics and literature.

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Mrs. Bertha Turner is a successful cateress at Pasadena, Cal., having a large patronage from the wealthy residents of that place.

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Mrs. D. A. Whittaker is a leading undertaker in Columbus, Ohio.

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Mrs. A. C. Cowan is both an attractive widow and an attorney at Brooklyn, N. Y. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cowan were attorneys-at-law and at the death of Mr. Cowan Mrs. Cowan succeeded to much of the practice of her husband.

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Mrs. Mary Church Terrell was the first woman president of the famous Bethel Literary and Historical Association of Washington, D. C.

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Miss Iva Marshall, a pupil in the Brooklyn high school, was recently elected to membership in the Arista. Only pupils of the highest rank in scholarship are eligible to this organization. Miss Marshall is the first colored girl ever elected to the Arista.

NOTES OF RACIAL PROGRESS.

Furnished by the National Negro Business League.

May, Stern & Co., the largest furniture dealers in St. Louis, Mo., have in their employ a young colored man, Clinton T. Walker. Mr. Walker started in as an elevator boy and is now one of their best salesmen. Each week Mr. Walker gives a plain, commonsense furniture talk through the colored papers of that city.

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The New York News has established a bureau of prominent colored women of New York who are interested in social uplift effort. The obejct of the bureau is to raise a fund to provide Christmas gifts for Harlem's poor and unfortunate.

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A group of enterprising colored men of Washington, Ark., have organized an electric lighting and traction company. Already, five miles of trolley road, it is reported, have been laid between Washington and Columbia. Mr. J. R. Davis is at the head of the firm.

Recently the Local Business League of Waxahachie, Texas, gave a "Free Smoker' 'to the tax-paying colored men of their city. A splendid program had been arranged and some of the results of this meeting were a doubled membership and co-operative effort toward civic improvement and business "boosting." Following the exercises, refreshments were served. Dr. C. S. Diggs is the president of the Waxahachie Local League.

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Chairman Joseph L. Jones of the Executive Committee of the National Negro Press Association has issued an announcement of the plans for the forthcoming mid-winter session of this body. Among the things to be discussed are a code service, advertising agency, subscription clubs and a national fraternal congress.

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The Tulsa (Okla.) Local Negro Business League, at a recent meeting, appointed a committee to canvass among the colored people and urge them to clean up, paint up and beautify their homes and places of business.

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A Thought for the Week—"The business outlook for the Negro is great. To the wide-awake the light of truth sheds its rays over the horizon of the business world and opens to him possibilities never discovered before, but across this favorable sky emblazoned in bold, stern reading is this one command—work. What the Negro Business League wants to accomplish is more customers and patrons for the business conducted by its members. * * * Cleanliness is economy—dirt is wastefulness. Order invites business and trade. Disorder reulses both."—C. A. Starke, in an Open Letter to the Kansas City Local Business League.

MANY CHANGES MADE IN SPEEDWAY RACE RULES.

Size of Cars to Be 300 Instead of 450 Cubic Inches—Speed Trials Early.

Entry lists for the next Indianapolis five-hundred-mile race, May 29, are now open, six hundred entry blanks having been sent out this week to manufacturers of cars and private owners here and abroad. Despite the war, it is thought the contest will be successful, plenty of material being available on both sides of the Atlantic, Italy alone is expected to furnish no less than six machines.

Changes in the specifications for the Indianapolis contest are numerous, the chief of these being the reduction of motor dimensions by one-third, or from 450 to 300 cubic inches, and the raising of the speed minimum to eighty miles an hour. With much smaller machines better results than in previous years are expected to be obtained.

The number of starters has been raised to thirty-three, as compared with thirty in previous years. This is the full capacity allotted the track under the rulings of the American Automobile Association, which specified a limit of one car to every four hundred feet of track.

Trials Ten Days Ahead.

Speed trials to determine the final field will be held ten days ahead of the race, in the inverse order of entry, the fastest thirty-three cars being eligible. In the event of more than three cars of one make being nominated, the fastest three in the speed trials will be admitted. This is to protect the speedway against controversies between factories and private owners desiring to enter cars of the same make in excess of the A. A. A. maximum.

Cars will line up for the start in the order of the time made in the speed trials, the fastest car starting in first position, next the pole. Racing numbers will be issued on the same plan, the fastest car receiving No. 1. This is to avoid the possibility of a spill during the flying start, when a slow machine might be in the way in front.

The color of cars will be according to international usage, i. e., Germany, white; Belgium, yellow; France, blue; Italy, red, and America, red and white. In previous years individual combinations have been employed at times to the great amusement of the spectators.

Regulations as to the physical condition of drivers and the mechanical soundness of cars will be more rigidly enforced next year than ever before. The front axles of all machines must be entirely new three days before the race. This is to guard against possibility of accident due to crystallization or other defect. Any car spilling an excess of oil on the track will, for like reasons, be disqualified.

The Dawson-Gilhooley accident of last year has caused chain-driven cars to be barred from the track, unless the chains are adequately, though not necessarily fully, inclosed. Gilhooley, it will be remembered, came to grief because a burst tire caught between his chain and tires. The accident was not, as has often been stated, traceable to incompetency on Gilhooley's part.

Prizes remain substantially the same, $50,000 being split ten ways among the winners, with $20,000 first money. The intermediate trophies, however, including the G. & J. trophy, the Remy cup and brassard, the Prest-O-Lite trophy and the Wheeler-Schebler cup, will not be withheld if their winne fails to go the entire distance of five hundred miles, as formerly, but will be awarded regardless of their winner's status at the finish. This, it is thought, will speed up the race a great deal.

DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON IN THE CITY, VISITS THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

NORFOLK, Va.—In connection with his visit to Norfolk and the Peninsular region of Virginia this week, to speak at the annual meeting of the Virginia Organization Society and at several meetings arranged at various points on the Peninsular, by Major R. R. Moton and other officers of the Virginia Organization Society, Principal Booker T. Washington, of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, visited Williamsburg, the seat of the second oldest college in the United States. William and Mary College stands foremost among the educational institutions for the education of white Southern young men and women. When it was announced that Dr. Washington was to speak at the court house of Williamsburg, at one of the meetings of the Virginia Organization Society, the officers of William and Mary College extended an invitation to have Dr. Washington visit the school and speak to the students of this time-honored institution.

No white educator or prominent citizen could have been more cordially received nor warmly welcomed than was true of the Tuskegean. The young men and women of William and Mary College applauded most warmly the telling points of the address delivered by Dr. Washington, and especially those particular pleas of his for fair play at the hands of the white citizens of the South in the midst of whom the Negro people lice. His plea for closer co-operation in all the essentials for mutual helping in the South was also received with evidence of approval. After the meeting Dr. Washington was photographed with members of the faculty and officers of William and Mary College, and there was nothing whatever to indicate that there was not, on every side, the keenest appreciation of the fact that a great Southern educator was visiting William and Mary College. In presenting him to the students of the school it was indicated by the presiding officer that there is, at this famous seat of education, the keenest appreciation of Dr. Washington's contribution to the educational life of the country.

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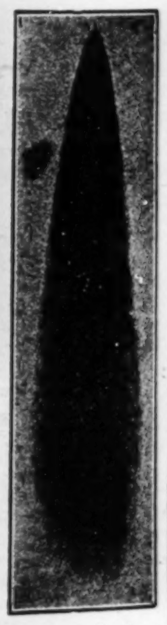

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For there's nothing that's really new.
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town—
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The Washington Bee, which usually takes a deep "interest" in the colored schools of the nation's capital, is strangely silent on that subject in the present crisis. Why?

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It is to be hoped that Editor Harry C. Smith has by this time read and inwardly digested Dr. Washington's plain statement of his views on segregation written to Editor Winston.

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Melvin J. Chisum, editor of the Baltimore Tribune and president of the National Negro Press Association, has something up his sleeve, and will spring a surprise on the country soon.

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Those who owe us have evidently established a 'moratorium,' 'and have automatically compelled us to do likewise. But better things may be just ahead. Was ever a night so long that dawn did not come?

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One of the certainties of the Louisville General Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church is "Bishop J. S. Jackson." The energetic and resourceful financial secretary will go up to the bench on the first ballot.

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Bishop J. Albert Johnson will remain in South Africa until the end of his allotted time—1920. A stay of twelve years in the Dark Continent was "nominated in the bond," and he will have to abide by his bargain.

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The phenomenal success of the Boston Braves in baseball indicates that because a man is discarded by the short-sighted he does not have to remain a discard forever. t is never too late for a man with the punch to make good.

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Employers who really desire good service should pay living wages to his helpers and not compel them to lower their self-respect by acting in such a manner as to invite "tips." The habitual receiver of "tips" will degenerate in spite of himself.

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Former Auditor Ralph W. Tyler, if correctly reported, is to re-enter the barber business at his old home, Columbus, Ohio. He is probably correct in his decision that there's more money in barbering than in the newspaper business, after having tried both.

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Science refuses to come to the aid of the toper. All efforts to make an odorless whisky have resulted in failure. From now on the manufacturers of Spearmint, Never Tell and cloves will have to double the strength of those well-known breath disguisers, it is said.

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The Kentucky State Federation of Women's Club will be given a big hand by Louisville's big hearted citizens on November 27 and 28. Mrs. M. E. Steward, Mrs. Daisy M. Saffell, Mrs. L. E. Fouse and other progressive women of the State will be in the thickest of the fray for the uplift of the race.

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It leaks out through the Odd Fellows' Journal that the B. M. C. at Boston did accomplish something beside electing a bunch of officers. Incidentally, and between times, the delegates really passed a few laws for the government of the Order. If there is any doubt about it, just read the Journal of the 12th.

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The National Baptist Convention, the Elks and the National Medical Association all go to Chicago next year. The Business League should set its meeting for a city that will enable a busy man to attend all of these gatherings, if desirable, on one leave of absence. Why not Indianapolis as the seat of the League's 1915 session?

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Salem Tutt Whitney is easily the "poet laureate" of the American Negro. His genius enables him to say the best things on the events of the day and say them quickly, in language that forms the natural link between prose and music. Whitney is not only "of the stage"—he is of the whole people and speaks for the masses and for the classes.

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A number of prominent, educators are casting sheep's eyes at that very attractive $3,000 assistant superintendency of the Washington colored schools, which, it is rumored, is "on the market." The woods are full of good men and there is no reason why they should not try their luck at this tempting morsel—even if it may prove hard to swallow.

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"The man behind the plow" is the man who rules the world today—as little as you may think of it. Stop agriculture and you stop civilization and all its concomitants. Art, science, literature and song wait upon the prince who produces the essence of life itself—the food that builds muscle for action and makes the brain to think great thoughts.

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If you wish to know just exactly what Dr. Washington thinks about "segregation," read his open letter to Mr. C. Elias Winston, editor of the Western Torch Light, St. Louis, Mo. No stronger demand for the full civil rights of the Negro has ever been penned. The "Wizard" builds a platform upon which every right-thinking American can stand.

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Editor Lee L. Brown, of the Louisville News, in manly fashion, admits that he misunderstood Dr. Booker T. Washington's attitude on segregation, being misled by garbled reports of the "Wizard's" utterances at Muskogee. Mr. Brown has made the amende honorable and the News is again "with" the Tuskegean on the race question. A similar move is up to the Cleveland Gazette.

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Rev. J. G. Robinson, now at Pine Bluff, Ark., is stirring the A. M. E. brethren to a high pitch of excitement by comments and predictions that go right to the marrow of some very delicate situations. Under the caption "Just a Few Dots—That's All," Brer. Robinson is writing some "hot stuph" for the contemporaneous press. And he seems to have about the "right hope" as to the men and measures that will figure in the next General Conference of his denomination.

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Editor Nelson C. Crews has our thanks for his excellent journal, the Kansas City Sun, which now comes to us regularly. The Sun is an admirable reflex of the activities of the up-to-date colored people of Kansas City and Western Missouri, and his portrait of them "looks good" to us away over in the "effete East" or border South. The news columns of the Sun teem with items of interest and the advertising output indicates that Brer Crews has educated his patrons up to the value of publicity. Let the Sun continue to shine and "show us" the beauties of Negro advancement on the banks of the Kaw.

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Those of us who have been pained by the miserable scrawls in schools, churches, theaters, boarding houses and public halls, purporting to serve as announcements of various kinds, will readily understand why Tuskegee Institute has decided to emphasize in its courses the art of sign painting. Observant people invariably "class up" an enterprise by the character of the signs used in connection with it. Although not especially superstitious, we certainly believe in artistic "signs."

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The colored people of Boston are not "mealy-mouthed" in speaking out for the dignity and self-respect of the race. A song book containing selections referring to Negroes as "darkies" and "niggers," etc., and dealing with "massa" and "missus" in an offensive way, has been barred from the public schools through the unanimous protest of colored citizens to the board of education. There should be no hesitation in denouncing wrong wherever it is found. The right-thinking white man prefers the manly Negro to the lickspitter and obsequious time-server.

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Washington City could have had a monster meeting of the National Negro Business League next August if the erstwhile national "organizer" had been "on to his job." A really live organizer would have had model local leagues in Washington, Baltimore and Richmond, living, as R. W. Tyler did, within a few hours' ride of all of these great centers of Negro commercial activity. The National League found the ex-auditor an expensive investment, as the treasurer's report at Muskogee showed. And the League wants no more ex-auditors as national "organizers."

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Following the departure of the "high-browed" former Auditor of the Navy Department, the dead line of social recognition has been considerably lowered from the $1,800-per-year salary natch, and the community seems to be getting along all right on the "do-the-best-you-can-on-any-kind-of-a salary basis. A man is worth what his character and ability call for, no matter whether he is lucky enough to reach a high government office or not. In many instances the appointee to high office in Washington is a political accident, and social standing can not be justly based on the salary the temporary position affords.

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What the South must learn from the cotton scare is that the crops of that great section must be diversified, to the end that full dependence does not rest upon one form of production. The use of fertilizer will go far toward increasing the yield per acre of all crops. One farmer writes us that he got an average of a bale and a half of cotton to the acre on his plantation and made 1,100 bushels of oats on fifteen acres last year. This year he made 600 bushels on ten acres and sold his crop at $1 per bushel. By intelligent diversification and rotation of crops, the raising of hogs and other meat animals, with corn for feed and sale, together with such an amount of cotton as the market will safely handle, will solve all problems for the Southern farmer, white and black. Watch your acres and keep your eye on the markets, and the cotton slavery, with the ever-open mitt of the storekeeper to absorb your profits, will come to an end.

THE LATE REV. D. E. MURFF, AFRICAN MISSIONARY.

A Great and Good Man Gone.

While something has been said in several of the papers concerning the death and burial of the late Rev. D. E. Murff, the returned missionary from South Africa, we feel that there remains yet to be told a number of facts concerning the life and work of this good man which the public will be glad to know and which if made known would encourage those who are laboring both at home and abroad for the salvation of mankind.

Rev. Mr. Murff was a Mississippian by birth and received his theological training in the Walon Seminary of Washington, D. C., which institution has since become a part of the Virginia Union University at Richmond. Mr. Murff was ordained to the gospel ministry in the Shiloh Baptist church, of Washington, D. C., soon after he graduated from the seminary and went West, where he spent a number of years as pastor in Iowa and Illinois. Rev. Muff also labored in Mississippi. It was while he was in Teas that he heeded the call for help in Africa and offered himself as a missionary to the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention. Soon thereafter he sailed for the Dark Continent and spent more than six years in South Africa, making his headquarters at Capetown. Here he established a large mission school and greatly enlarged the church that had already been established there, and opened mission stations and preached the gospel to the natives from Capetown to about a thousand miles inland. Rev. Mr. Murff was the Superintendent of Missions in South Africa for the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, and it was under his direction that the work of this body was developed, greatly enlarged and placed upon a substantial foundation.

A mission house, which serves as a home for the missionaries and a school as well, was built by Rev. D. E. Murff in Cape Town, he becoming responsible for the money with which to erect this edifice and on his return to this country, though in a weakened condition brought on by the African fever that he contracted while in Africa, he went from place to place presenting the claims of the work in South Africa to the churches and individuals, and succeeded before his last illness in raising and sending to Cape Town every dollar required to liquidate the debt incurred in erecting the mission house referred to above.

In many respects Rev. Murff was a pioneer. He traveled more extensively and visited more different tribes in South Africa, perhaps, than any other missionary who has ever gone from America to Cape Colony. He was greatly beloved by the chiefs of the tribes among whom he labored, and the devotion of the native Christians in South Africa to Rev. Mr. Murff and his wife is indeed pathetic. They looked upon him as a father, and their grief at his demise could not be more intense had he been their father in flesh.

Rev. Murff planned large things for God and expected large things from God and he was not disappointed, for during his sojourn in Africa he led to Christ many hundreds of souls, baptizing on one occasion as many as seventy-three at one time, and not only did the natives themselves love and revere this good man, but the officials of the English government respected him highly and seconded every motion he made looking to the advancement of the people for whom he labored. Rev. Murff was a faithful student of the Word of God, a patient plotter, an untiring worker and a man of great faith, and believed in the ultimate triumph of the Gospel among all nations. He was wrapped up in Africa and his daily thoughts and prayers were that God may soon redeem the people of the Dark Continent. Of the little money he received from the churches as a support for himself and his wife during his last illness, he stinted himself and put aside $25, which he directed to be used as the beginning of a fund for a memorial building to be erected in Africa.

In keeping with the request of Rev. Mr. Murff, this money was placed upon his coffin at his funeral and the friends were invited to add to it as much as they would when they came forward to view his remains for the last time. This, with what was given on that occasion, and what has been pledged by the Missionary Society of Shiloh Baptist Church, amounted to $50, and will serve as the beginning of a fund which the wife of Rev. Brother Murff and his friends hope to raise in the near future to carry out the wish of Rev. Murff in erecting a memorial building for the education and evangelization of the natives of Africa.

While the funeral of this good man was simple, it was most impressive. His family, at his request, discarded the customary black and were arrayed in white. There were no flowers, the money that would have been spent in flowers being given in the collection. The funeral sermon, which was a masterly and most pathetic one, was preached by Rev. T. J. Griffith, of Des Moines, Iowa, a lifelong friend of the deceased. The Baptist Ministers' Meetings of Baltimore and Washington were represented by large delegations, and resolutions from the former were read by Rev. Dr. P. C. Neil, and from the latter by Rev. A. W. Taylor. The following well-known pastors of Washington and Baltimore took part in the funeral services, namely: Revs. J. M. Johnson, J. I. Loving, E. E. Hicks, W. H. Jarvis, J. H. Randolph, P. C. Neil, W. J. Howard, A. W. Taylor, W. M. Aleander and Rev. Dr. L. G. Jordon, of Philadelphia, and Rev. Dr. J. Milton Waldron was master of ceremonies, and Revs. D. G. Mack, P. C. Neil and C. Payne, of Baltimore, and Revs. Jas. L. Garfield, A. H. Gun and S. Gilmore, of Washington, were the pallbearers. Rev. Dr. Murff was interred in the Harmony Cemetery in this city, where it is expected in the near future a modest but permanent monument will be erected to his memory. His best monument, however, has been already erected in the hearts of tens of thousands of native Christians in Africa where he labored so earnestly, and some of this work was seen at his funeral in the person of four natives from South Africa whom Rev. Murff had baptized several years ago. One was a deacon in the church at Capetown and another was a native helper, who is in this country preparing to return to South Africa as a missionary. Rev. Murff's life and work will prove an insiration to all who shall engage in the future in foreign mission work and his successful labors both in American and African fields are a demonstration of what God can do with a man who is thoroughly consecrated to Him.

NEWS OF SALISBURY, MD.

(By S. B. Potter.)

The grand reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Leven Rider in honor of their lately married grandson, William Rider, to Miss Mae Nichols, of Philadelphia, was highly received by their many friends who were present, and all wish a happy married life to both bride and groom. .. Mr. Edward Pitts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Pitts, died suddenly in the Salisbury city hospital Thursday, November 12. The funeral was held Saturday. He left many of his friends to mourn. .. Mr. Howard Anderson is slowly recovering from a very long illness, but is unable to be out of the house. .. Mr .Boyd Jones, the groom of one year, was accused of the rape of an eleven-year-old school girl of Baltimore, and was sentenced to twelve years in the State penitentiary. .. Rev. R. G. Waters, D. D., pastor of the John Wesley Church, has arrived from a visit to Annapolis, Md., where he was assisting Rev. Williams in his revival meeting. He will open revival meetings in his own church on Tuesday, November 17. .. Rev. J. S. Shaw, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, is meeting with success. Mrs. Rev. Shaw has opened up her private school and has quite a number of scholars. .. Rev. Durham, D. D., pastor of St. Luke's A. M. E. Church, just finished his ministerial union, which attracted large crowds each night.

CORYDON, KY.

A series of meetings began Sunday at the Free Baptist Church, being conducted by Rev. T. J. Boone and Rev. L. S. Scott. A good spiritual meeting was had all day, with one addition, Mr. Henry Powell, who had once been a member. He stated that he had wandered about long enough and had come back to live a Christian life. God help him to do so. He is the youngest son of Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Powell, who are now visiting their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Powell, of Central City, Ky. Their hearts will be made to rejoice on their return home. Rev. L. S. Scott preached an able sermon Monday night at the F. B. Church. .. The Twenty-four Secret Society met Friday, November 6, with Mrs. L. B. Willson. After a few hours' sewing refreshments were served and enjoyed by all. Mrs. Amelia Greene entertained the club last Friday. A fine one-course luncheon was served. They will meet next Friday with Mrs. Margaret Powell at 2 o'clock. Suevelle Murray, president; Mrs. L. E. Brown, chaplain; Mrs. Elnora Dixon, secretary. .. Mrs. Mattie Powell was called to the bedside of her sister at Mt. Vernon, Ill. .. Goldia Dixon, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Price Dixon, is visiting her uncle in Central city. .. The Christian Endeavor had its regular meeting Sunday at 2:30. The topic discussion was well opened by Mr. C. H. Powell. Rev. L. S. Scott, Rev. T. J. Boone and others made interesting talks on the subject. Miss Margaret Dixon read a splendid paper and Miss Mamie Webb favored us with a recitation which was grand. .. Mrs. Sallie Johnson entertained at dinner Thursday Rev. L. S. Scott, Mrs. Clara and little granddaughter Anna C. C. Gibson and Rev. T. J. Boone. From the report brought back, if such dinners are prepared for them this week they will not be able to preach. It is reported that Rev. Scott and Rev. Boone weighed three pounds more on their return home. Meeting is now going on. Let them fast and pray. .. Rev. Cheatham, the pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church, who has closed his series of meetings, which were a success, will baptize Sunday. .. There will be a live hen social at the Free Baptist Church Thanksgiving night. Everybody invited.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL., NEWS.

The Pleasant Hour Club met November 13 with Mrs. C. H. Freeman, on West Morgan street. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Bell Parish, Mrs. L. L. Kinniebrew and Mrs. Samuel Johnson.

Murray Bundy, of Indianapolis, Ind., is in the city and is employed at the Jacksonville Packing House.

Mr. Robert Morton, of St. Louis, Mo., is in the city and expects to reside here. He is a table waiter at the Dunlap Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robinson have stored their furniture and expect to leave for the north soon. They have recently been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn, of South Prairie street.

James Brown will move to Springfield, where he has an appointment under State Treasurer Andrew Russell.

Mallory lodge met in their regular business meeting November 9.

Mr. H. E. Nasby returned from Burlington, Ia., from a short visit.

The choir of the Second Baptist church gave a very successful chicken pie supper November 13.

Mrs. Boyd, of South Clay avenue, has moved to Michigan, where she will make her home with her daughter.

Charles Jackson was appointed assistant janitor of the court house under Sheriff Grant Graff.

Miss Ella Robinson has opened up a neat bakery shop and will also sell many other useful articles on East Morgan street. We hope for her much success.

Word was received here of the death of Mrs. Lucy Bassette Doine, at Higbee, Mo. She formerly lived here.

Mr. Frank Taylor is second cook at the Dunlap Hotel and makes a fine cook.

Mrs. W. A. Brownfield, secretary Western Convention Missionary of Baptist Women and President of Woman's Convention of Auxiliary, Iowa, Nebraska Baptist Association, of Quincy, Ill., was in the city, while here being the guest of Mrs. M. C. Clark, of Marion street.

Mallory Brothers' orchestra rendered excellent music for an oyster supper at Grenefield recently. They motored in their Overland car.

Mr. Ellis Moore, of South Fayette street, attended his brother's funeral at Iola, Kansas, recently.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. M. Morrison, Mrs. M. Carpenter, Master Isador Saunders, of Orleans, Ill.; Clarence Carter, of East Chamber street, was kept from school recently on account of illness.

The Dunbar Club, of which Miss Josie Waddie is president, gave a very successful supper November 10 at the A. M. E. church.

The Needlecraft Club met November 9 with Mrs. Arthur Carter on South Ebey street with a very pleasant meeting.

The Phylis Wheatley Club had a very successful supper November 12, at the A. M. E. church.

Read The Freeman. It gives all the news.

Mrs. Laura Lafayette, superintendent of the Second Baptist Sunday school, is sparing no pains in preparing for the Xmas cantata, and expects to have it better than ever.

Mr. Arthur Carter has returned from Saidora, Ill., where he cooked for a camping party.

The pews of the A. M. E. church look very neat and attractive. They are from Nashville, Tenn.

The funeral services of Mrs. Annie S. Jenkins were held November 15, at McCabe church, of which she was a faithful member. Rev. Miller, of Hannibal, Mo., preached an impressive sermon. He was ably assisted by Rev. DeWitt and Rev. Noland. The Hicklin Tabernacle and S. M. T.'s had charge of the body. She being a faithful member. Flowers were many and beautiful. Interment in East cemetery.

Mrs. F. A. Strong and sister, Mrs. C. Moore, returned from Cape Girardeau, Mo., where they attended their mother's funeral, Mrs. C. Holmes, she being 99 years old and over.

Professor Chestine Mason has departed for Vicksburg, Miss., where he is to become the groom of Miss Leona Jones, the society leader of that city. Miss Jones is known from the Atlantic to the Pacific and is very energetic young lady. We hope them a happy voyage.

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The Geo. Wm. Hoffman Co., manufacturers of the well known "Barkeeper's Friend," powder metal polish, are now giving away a pack of fine playing cards with ten autograph signatures of G. W. Hoffman from off the Barkeeper's friend packages. We would suggest that the readers of The Freeman take advantage of this offer by beginning to save up these signatures.

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Of happiness and freedom's right,
And calmly unmolested stand?
'Gainst hard task-masters—blood in eyes;
'Gainst caste of birth, or class, or might;
'Gainst bitter sorrows, fears and tears
And restless nights of bitter strife!
As leadeth on—which road I go?
Waileth Ethiopia; confused
By taunts and jeers and bloody deeds,
Poured on the naked soul diffused,
Of Anglo-Saxon's heedless blows;
While standing on a carcass-row
Of thousands, slain'd in mockery
Behind the bullet-ridden'd door.
As leadeth on—which road I go?
Thus far, I've trod'd already now
And find but naught—an empty joy,
To heighten smiles upon my brow!
I seek to know, my friend, of thee:
Shall I keep onward in the way
That pointeth to the right of me?
Tho' weary, follow I the way.
It is a heritage I claim,
By right of honor, for all men;
Who labor under God's own plan
And to His dictum humbly bend.
Through all the years of stifled Law,
And kindred grievances combined;
"Onword!"—the cry, thro' batter'd clan,
Rings out of burden'd heart and mind.
I am a seeker after 'PEACE';
Yea, question not my right to go
And find the long-sought promised land,
Along this way of weal and woe!
Give me one part—not all the road,
I'll find the way with courage bold;
The sweat-drops falling from my brow,
Are bitter weepings of the soul.
"The Promised Land!" A glorious sight
With all its hope; when shall I see
Its swaying vineyards, blooming trees
And tread its fertile soil care-free;
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O! what a hard and tedious flight—
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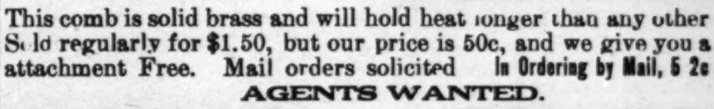

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"THE PASSING DAY.

(By Wallace C. Gordon, Geneva, O.)

Far off in the western heavens
  Sits the sun, a golden sphere;
Soon to close the day God's given,
  As it did the by-gone year.

How it makes those darkening shadows
  As it sinks low in the west;
Turning crimson all the meadows
  While the birds fly home to rest.

See the shadows fastly fleeting,
  Now the day is almost 'oer;
Lambkins in the pasture bleeting
  As the sun keeps sinking lower.

Now the crickets they are singing,
  Soon the day will have to close;
Soft and low the church bells ringing,
  Meeting time now I suppose.

What joy to us one day can give,
  But oh! what sorrow too some time;
There's little thought while yet we live,
  Each life's a sun some day must
      shine.

We little think of any sorrow,
  This day has passed away;
We only wait the coming morrow,
  For its to be another day.

Beware now, all ye pleasure-seekers,
  When your sun shall shine no more;
To late to wish you had been meeker
  The night has come, your day is 'oer.

At any rate, we are back from Vera Cruz.

O well, the rabbits were good and "juicy." And, besides, they cost so much less than the other Thanksgiving meats.

Remember the greater Christmas issue of The Freeman, now being made. Get this annual review of race happenings. Note the race progress made as the years go by.

George of England is reported as having said that it was necessary to put a tax on tea as well as on beer in order to raise funds for the conduct of the war. He wished to catch the elusive teetotallers, who are as difficult to catch as the Emden. It is estimated that the cost of the war for a year would be two and a quarter billion dollars, a sum greater than the entire cost of any war waged by England.

We are of the opinion that the people of this country are not going to stand for a government that stands for little things. There are some who don't care about the reputation of the country, just so they have their own sweet will about things. These are having their way, and are paying the penalty. The great majority are for the country's expansion in every direction, including its morals, and this aspect includes segregation.

It is rumored that Mr. Bryan will retire from the cabinet in March. Friction is not urged as the cause. It is held that the Secretary does not care for the minutiae of the office, such as must be dealt with owing to the complications resulting from the European war. It is also said that he is needed in the field to go up and down preaching Democracy preparatory to the struggle in 1916. It is barely hinted that his brand may not be the Wilson brand. What Mr. Bryan thinks about segregation is quite a question. He has been rated as a high-toned Christian gentleman, and truly enough if he is as he preaches, Mr. Wilson's policy of discounted citizenship ought to be sufficient to put such an individual out of touch with him.

PRO-FRENCH SENTIMENT ACCOUNTED FOR.

If it is expected that the American people should not think kindly of the French, then that part of our history which swings about Lafayette, Count de Grasse and George Washington will have to be eliminated. The normal school boy or girl is much impressed with the kindliness of that country, France, when reading of the attention paid to our Benjamin Franklin who, when there in the interest of the revolution, by his refinement and courtliness was as much in evidence in the securing of troops and money as any one else, or any other influence. Franklin was greatly admired by the French people, due to what has been said of him, also owing to the same revolutionary spirit which was on in that country, and out of which grew the great Napoleon.

As Franklin was received and loved in France, Lafayette was received and loved in America. And, strangely enough, these two men had similar influence at home. In the preliminary to the great French revolution it was Lafayette who quelled the mob, quieted the populace when it became too demonstrative against the king. When the situation grew too hot for the king and his family, Lafayette was called on to escort them to some other rendezvous—another palace. He was umpire, referee, respected and trusted by the factions, and the only man that stood out in such a capacity during that awful period.

Much of the history of the two men is known, and as interwoven in that of their countries, known by schoolboys and girls, who become men and women and who can not forget their first impressions. Some children, of course, are not so impressionable as others, but, if we are not badly mistaken, all children who come from our public schools, after having studied history, love France in spite of themselves. If this sentiment is to be turned, it will be done when the histories make no further reference to the part France played in the American revolution.

Owing to the English ancestry, in the main, the tongue we speak, and the early history, which is largely of English endeavor, we in time are weaned a trifle from France in favor of England, notwithstanding the fact that we have had two wars with her. And then, too, the sense of reconciliation enters—the mother and daughter countries. This lessens our French ardor some, but through it all we can not be divorced wholly from the love of France, and we would be very ungrateful if we could be, knowing what we know.

The Germans do not think of our "affinity," France, when they are confronted by such a strong pro-French demonstration. They seem to think it is personal dislike, when, in fact, it is practically tradition. The Germans contributed its Dekalb of Bavaria, also Steuben of Prussia, both of whom were associated with Lafayette, coming to America of the same impulse—independence. Steuben was gratefully remembered by Congress; it voted him land in New York and an annuity of $2,500. He was not merely a soldier of fortune; he divided his land and money with his fellow officers. This beautiful spirit has not been very much advertised. Poland contributed its Kosciusko, who became distinguished as the other foreigners. These men were men of title and distinction at home. They risked much in helping America. They gave universally to our cause, which had an excellent moral effect throughout the world.

France was foremost in assisting the revolutionists, and first. When Cornwallis went down before Washington he was confronted by 7,000 Frenchmen and 9,000 Americans. The French fleet stood at sea also, a menace to the British forces. It is plain that we owe our present independence largely to the French. All of these facts have been converted into pro-French sentiment, and reasonably enough.

THE TROTTER INCIDENT.

Mr. Trotter denies very vehemently that he was offensive to President Wilson, either in words, tone of voice, look or gesture. In short, he was the very personification of propriety. Well, it is not our object to have Mr. Trotter appear otherwise than he was. Newspaper men and public men generally know the editor's style—he is rabid. His style does not undermine his logic by any means, but we will all concede that offense can be given by the tone of voice, the words, the looks or the gestures. And what it takes to offend in some of these ways, Mr. Trotter has it. Besides he is not competent to sit in judgment on his own case.

How the editor addressed the President is immaterial to the argument, consequently nothing should be lost. However, it is not so easy as that. Unfortunately, the lines of our social and civil activities do not run parallel; it means that we do lose if, when presenting our grievances, we appear violent and abusive. The history of petitions is that they are couched in the most respectful language and presented accordingly. Then the fight follows out where it does the most good—among the people. The strictest formality should have ruled in this case as between the spokesman for the delegation and the President, even if it is held that the rights of men are not prejudiced or lessened in any event. We hold to that view, that nothing was sacrificed rightly, owing to Mr. Trotter's presentation, and also to the view that he was dead wrong in his style.

As to segregation, the question up, the President finds himself almost alone in standing for the ordering of race line conditions in the departments of our government. We can not see that a President has any such authority. The citizens have rights that a President is bound to respect. If it is not that way, then whom we elect to preside over our destinies is no longer in that capacity, but king over our destinies—an absolute monarchy, and from which there is no appeal. In these troublesome times it would be well for the President to grow reflective. He is but a man and thus liable to err. If being President is burdensome, he has voluntarily saddled on a bit that did not belong to him. He is no Atlas, nor has he been asked to become one. When he consented to set up a "back-door" arrangement for Negroes in the government departments he assumed an unnecessary burden.

President Wilson is not being sustained by the white people of the North. The influential white publications are arrayed against government by discrimination. Mr. Wilson has taken that machinery which was so needed to revert or to throw back prejudice and converted it into a prejudice-making concern. We can not see what may be expected of cases in the Supreme Court. Are they expected to be biased also, and thus work in conjunction with the anti-Negro program by the executive department of the government? The President will find it necessary to retreat from his position, one of dubious authority, or maintain it under the successful charge of introducing disorder and race war among an erstwhile peaceful people.

THE FACTS OF RECONSTRUCTION.

By John R. Lynch, Formerly Member of Congress from Mississippi.

(A Review by Prof. Chas. Alexander.)

"The Facts of Reconstruction," by Major John R. Lynch, is such an admirable book in every way that I thought it well to write fully about it here. There is no racial prejjudice exhibited in what the Major has written. There is no show of sectional animosity or partisan bias. The book is free from any feature calculated to arouse racial antagonism.

Beginning with 1866, the year marked for radical differences of opinion between the President of the United States and the National Congress over the question of the reconstruction of the States but lately in rebellion against the national government, and running rapidly through the more important steps in the political history of the State of Mississippi, touching here and there national politics, and ending with a conservative statement of President Taft's grave errors in dealing with the Negro question, the author has illuminated in a most effective fashion some of the most interesting pages of American political history.

The recital of the story of reconstruction is in parts dramatic and in parts tragic. The strategy of designing politicians worked an appalling tragedy in the life of the ambitious Negro leader during the reconstruction period, and especially in 1874, when the radical Democrats came into power throughout the Southern states. The conditions described so vividly were lamentable, illustrating the awful calamities suffered by the weaker element of the body politic at the hands of the stronger—it was clearly a riot of organized fraud.

But Major Lynch is not a pessimist. He is a man with a great vision. He has seen the dawn of a new age "when each man's good shall be all men's aim." We of this age may be a little apathetic about such matter as is set forth in this book, but it would be well for us to read over and over again what this wise observer has written concerning our past. The book presents facts as the author has witnessed them. His study of the political situation is both analytical and intensive. He is a student of psychology His is the advocacy of civil and political rights of all citizens.

Major Lynch entered public life while quite a young man. It was in 1869 that Governor Ames appointed him justice of the peace in the town of Natchez, Miss. He showed splendid executive ability and was soon promoted by the people to a seat in the State Legislature. His has been a brilliant career. There is hardly a Negro in the entire country whose past life has been more closely connected with the reconstruction period and who is more highly esteemed in the councils of the Republican party today than John R. Lynch. While serving in the National House of Representatives he was a leader of powerful influence. He was once honored by the National Republican Convention as temporary chairman. He has served as Auditor of the United States Treasury and Paymaster in the United States Army. The fact is, he has occupied a unique place in American politics.

Because of his close contact with the great leaders in the Republican party and with the problems in political life for the past forty years, Major Lynch is well qualified to write intimately concerning the subjejct treated in this book. He has given facts about such distinguished Negro leaders in Mississippi as Hon. Hiram R. Revels, who rose to the position of United States Senator. The story of how he won his seat in that distinguished body is well worth reading. Mr. Lynch also tells the reader how Hon. B. K. Bruce won his way to the Senate, and how other men in the State of Mississippi played an honorable part in the making of the laws of the State, establishing the school system, asylums, hospitals and other institutions now regarded as indispensable.

There is no way of accounting for the wonderful sagacity and wisdom manifested by the Negroes during the reconstruction period. How they learned so quickly to conceive and plan legislation of such far reaching importance is a puzzle; but that they legislated wisely, the laws of many of the Southern States do attest. The administration of Negro officials in the State of Mississippi, whatever may be said to the contrary, is sweet and clean. It must be remembered that the Negro had no historians to record his acts; his critics were his enemies. And yet, all things considered, no cleaner or better laws have ever been enacted in the history of the State than those placed upon the statute books during the time the Negro was in power in the State.

In 1874 nearly every State in the Union went Democratic. Even the great abolition State of Massachusetts elected a Democratic Governor. Ever since that eventful year the Democratic party has been in power in the South. A white man dare not declare himself a Republican in the South today. Odium is attached to the term in that section. Social ostracism awaits the white man who would plead for equal civil and political rights for the Negro. The Negro is openly deprived of his rights, and it matters not that he is industrious, thrifty, has wealth and learning, everywhere in the Southern States he is denied the ballot.

These facts are brought out most forcefully by Major Lynch. His appeal to the National Republican Convention in 1900 was one of the strongest pleas ever made for justice. Every Negro in the country should read this wonderful book. It will inspire, it will help all to understand the responsibility and the duty of the hour. Major Lynch would be glad to answer any letter if addressed to him at 4321 Forestville avenue, Chicago, Ill. The book contains 325 pages and sells for $1.65, postage prepaid.

SOCIETY AND GENERAL NEWS OF PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.

Miss Gladys Williams, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams on Findlay street, got a pin caught in her windpipe and they had some trouble in getting it loose. She is getting along nicely and is able to enjoy life as if nothing had happened.

Rev. Irwin is having grand success at the A. M. E. church. He has eight new members. Mrs. Gladys Vinson was taken in last Sunday.

Miss Mayme Williams of Findley street was in Chillicothe, Ohio, last week, where she was called on account of her mother, Mrs. Charles Preston of 243 South Walnut street, who has been sick for some months.

Mr. Dalton, a young man of this city, had a very hard fall from a bicycle which he was riding down Thirteenth street, when the chain came off and his face and hands were very badly bruised. He was able to go to work Monday.

Mrs. Mary Kinney, one of the oldest citizens of this city, has been very ill at her home on Thirteenth street. Her son and daughters have come to be with her.

Mrs. William Byrd of Cleveland, O., is here. She was formerly a citizen of this city.

Mrs. Delia Georgia, who has been very ill for some time, has not improved. She is about 85 years of age.

Mrs. Jennie Powers of Twelfth street, who has been sick for the last six weeks, is getting along very slowly.

Mrs. C. White of Fifteenth street is not able to be out. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. May Gardner, is some better.

Mr. Carl Parker, one of the leading tinners in the city, is some better but not able to go to work.

The M. H. M. S. met at the M. E. church last Sunday and was a great affair.

Mrs. Jessie Blackwell has been down with rheumatism, but is some better.

Mr. Joe Dill of the North End continues seriously ill at his home. He is afflicted with kidney trouble.

Mrs. Bettie Redman of Columbus, who formerly resided here, is in the city and is being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Johnson of Eleventh street.

Mr. Charles Kountz of this city will go to Ironton Thursday, where he will meet S. Brown in a match game of pool. The game is to be played in the Brassfields' pool parlor.

Mrs. C. Stratton and her son Alvin of Cleveland will spend a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson on Twelfth street.

Mrs. G. White's baby was taken very ill Tuesday, and does not seem improved.

The whist club met at the home of Mr. A. Berry on Waller street. The members are Judge Whitfield, Robert Ford, Garfield Baker, Sherman Johnson, Lee Anderson and Carl Parker.

The Pleasant Green Baptist church, of which Rev. Chapman is pastor, is having great success. There have been some additions to the membership, and they are still welcome to his church.

The Ladies' Aid meeting of the Findley Street M. E. church, held at Mrs. Bessie Lucas's on Thirteenth street, last Thursday, was our best of recent date.

New interest seems to have taken hold these days, and we expect to win souls for Christ. The Sunday school of Rev. McCommer, M. E. church, is increasing in number and interest, which means better people.

Don't fail to remember our revival will start on next Sunday and continue for two weeks. We ask the prayers of the Christian readers of The Freeman for our success.

The 'Possum supper at the M. E. church was very much enjoyed and it was some 'Possum supper.

Mrs. G. White entertained the Sewing Circle of the A. M. E. church. It was a business meeting and afterward they were treated to a chicken supper served by Mrs. White.

SENOIA (GA.) NEWS.

(By Thomas A. Dixon.)

For the sake of the help and uplift and happiness of yourself, your family, your children and your neighbors, you are called upon to sympathize with and to give your financial and moral support to every good social activity of your race. So, let us not cast a shadow of criticism, as Ben Davis, editor of the Atlanta Independent and Mr. John Mitchell of the Richmond paper did. If I could not give some interesting talk on race improvement as editors with good judgment and common sense should do, I would not say anything at all. I may be looking at the dark side of Mr. Davis attention which caused so many good thinking Negroes to sit up and take notice. Furthermore, I don't think Ben Davis used common sense in his illustration as a leader of such a noble order and such a vast number of loyal brothers as followers. Neither is he loyal to his fellow man to speak in such broad terms; in other words, no doubt he has measured us as he would not be measured.

Mr. Davis never did walk a mile at once; no, he did it step by step. Neither has any race upon the globe risen from a one-room shack to a million dollars' worth of property in one day. Therefore, we cannot accomplish the real necessities at once; we must realize what is necessary in order to success. First, union, brotherly love, peace on earth and good will to all mankind. Now, some of us are bad-hearted and are above the average Negro, and they think they can say anything or do anything without being looked after by his smaller brothers. A good many may not think so, but I honestly think that Mr. Davis and John Mitchel have devised against themselves.

Ben and John are both Negroes, and they will never see a day that they won't need a Negro's assistance. How can they be anything else but what they are already?

If these editors have pleased their white friends in writing such articles about their own race, what if the boot was on the other foot? There are times when the white man needs the Negro, and there is a time he don't need him. So let these editors be careful how they criticize us in all respects, who are said to be builders of Negro enterprises for Negroes to operate and support. If one Negro has done wrong don't accuse every one. Don't accuse preachers, race leaders, teachers and others who are trying to hold their light high that others may see their good work. Be careful.

Rev. F. H. Atwater held the presiding elders' quarter at New Hope Methodist church, about seven miles from Senoia, with a very large attendance.

Mrs. Kittie McKinny, who has been spending a while in Griffen, will be back to live with us.

Mrs. Mollie Williams was happily married to Mr. Virgur Redwine last week at Newnan, Ga. They will live at that place.

The district quarterly conference of the Methodist church was held at Senoia Methodist church by the presiding elder. He preached a powerful sermon.

If you have any race pride you will read The Freeman.

The last district quarter of the U. B. A. will be held at Rising Star church with Lodge No. 44. According to all reports it will be a banner quarter this year.

The old folks' concert at Oak Grove Monday night was a grand success.

Rev. W. H. Lackey of Flippen, Ga., filled his regular appointment at Sassa Grove and preached a wonderful sermon.

Mrs. Lucy Leavel of Senoia was a visitor at Sassa Grove last Sunday.

We need more men at the helm who will point us in the right stream. Be careful.

PAUL VALLEY, OKLA.

Mrs. B. W. Bradley of Muskogee and Miss Ella Hudson of Tecumseh passed through here enroute to Purcel. -- Mrs. Maud Smith of Purcel is here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph. -- The famous Alabama Minstrels played here on the night of the twenty-first. A large crowd witnessed their performance. -- Walter Johnson is here from St. Paul, Minn. -- The Rev. Austin, the new pastor, preached at the A. M. E. church on Sunday. -- J. W. Lydia is here representing a sick and accident insurance company. -- W. M. Brockway and Mr. Lindsay Guest are visiting in Oklahoma City. -- Mr. Geo. Ray returned recently from Ardmore. -- Prof. White notified the parents of children not attending school what the consequences would be. -- Rev. A. Saunders passed through the city enroute to Sulphur to unite a couple. -- As you realize what The Freeman is you continue to read it. -- Mr. Will Malone, the musician, was here as an acquaintance of Mrs. Shaw.

MOUNDS, ILL.

(By Richard Williams.)

Special to The Freeman:

The Mounds people are up and doing, getting down to business, building homes, repairing churches so as all may be comfortable in serving God during the winter. .. Give us a visit and get rooms, neatly furnished, at Mrs. Minnie Crawford's, North Elm street. Mr. Crawford is one of the best teachers in the high school here and is striving to help his race. .. When in the city Mr. B. F. Clark will oblige you with an up-to-date hair cut and clean shave. .. Mr. H. Howard, recently of Paris, Tenn., has opened a barber shop. Patronize him. .. Call J. T. Williams, at 222 Front, for moving and express baggage. Prompt delivery to all parts of the city. .. Patronize Mr. John Vandyke's cleaning and dyeing house and pressing parlor. All ladies' work a specialty. Call on Mrs. Vandyke for braids, switches just in style. .. Get your money's worth at H. Chambliss' on Front street; groceries and general merchandise.

MONTGOMERY, W. VA.

(By W. L. Hayes.)

Mrs. Lizzie Sherman and daughter are visiting friends in Charleston.

Miss Mable Saunders is improving rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hardy of Gauley Bridge were visiting relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Robert Stephenson is confined to his room by illness.

Captain Reece's shoe shine parlor, where you will always find The Freeman.

Mrs. Mattie Lawrence gave a very successful entertainment Monday night for the benefit of the Baptist church.

Mrs. Wysor Clark was the week-end visitor of Mrs. Anderson Brown of Charleston last week.

Mrs. M. J. Banks of Handley was a shopper in town Thursday.

Mrs. Susie Marks returned from Charleston Saturday, where she spent several days visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. V. M. Willis is reported on the sick list.

Sunday was baptizing day at the First Baptist church. Three were added to the church.

Visit Dr. Lawrence's drug store for hot sodas. You will always find The Freeman. The doctor will have a very large assortment of Christmas goods to select your presents.

Colonel Charles E. Henderson has leased a very large hall for a gymnasium and for his mighty athletics to play indoor baseball this winter, so as to have them in first class condition for the baseball season in the spring. The colonel spares no expense when it comes to making things convenient for his champions.

There are several ladies of our little village who have volunteered to get up programs for the benefit of his mighty aggregation. Both white and colored predict that the colonel will have great success in the baseball business in the future.

OMAHA, NEB.

Mrs. Elizabeth Blackwell has been seriously ill with lumbago at her home at 2407 Lake street.

Mr. W. H. Washington, Missouri Paciffic dining car waiter, relieved Mr. W. B. Ridley on account of the illness of one of Mr. Ridley's children.

Mr. J. H. Gaines has charge of the cafe car on the Missouri Pacific between Kansas and Omaha.

Rev. Botts of Zion Baptist church is still conducting his revival, with great success.

Thanksgiving services will be conducted at all the churches of the city.

Mr. E. Leon Conway of St. Louis is employed as waiter at the Rome hotel and will make his home in this city.

The charity ball given at Washington hall the night of the twentieth was well attended. The proceeds will go toward the erection of the Old Folks' Home.

Anyone having news call Webster 113 on Tuesday of each week.

DANVILLE, ILL.

Mr. F. M. Merriweather, the Jackson street tonsorial artist, is ill at his home, 515 North Washington avenue.

Mr. Otto Utterback spent Sunday in Springfield.

Mrs. Cornelia Houston has opened a home bakery and candy shop at 322 East Seminary street.

Mrs. W. H. Anderson spent Thanksgiving week in Springfield, the guest of her mother, Mrs. Dyer.

Anyone having news for The Freeman phone 3438.

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Mrs. Sherman Smith, of 239 South Oakley avenue, who fell some time ago and broke her leg, is improving fine.

Camp No. 75 United Spanish War Veterans, are expecting a grand jubilee on December 10th at Memorial Hall. We do hope that every colored citizen of Columbus and near by will take a part and turn out.

P. G. Lowery, one of our greatest musicians, with Billy May, Thomas May and Carrie Gilbertner, are spending their vacation in Columbus. These boys have been traveling with the Wallace circus.

We are compelled to thank and appreciate our good colored women of the city who have been so good and kind to donate food and fuel to the poor suffering children.

Rev. Carter, who has been residing at Chillicothe, Ohio, has taken charge of Bethany Baptist church.

We have something here that we have never had before and that is our Y. M. C. A. We should appreciate it and do all we can to keep it going. We ask the fathers of the city to make it a habit of visiting there and encourage our boys in this good undertaking.

Miss Harriet Chapman, daughter of Mr. John Chapman, of 179 N. Tallmadge street, and Mr. Clarence Garner, of Greenfield, Ohio, were solemnly married last week. They will reside at 231 N. Ohio avenue.

CORPUS CRISTI, TEX.

Mr. Herbert Morton, of La Fayette, La., is now located in Corpus Christi, Texas, with the Neuces Jewelry Store.

Woman's day will be observed on the first Sunday in December. Dr. D. P. Roberts, pastor of Bethel church, will preach a sermon. Miss Frances Berry will speak on "Some Possibilities of the Colored Club Woman of Indianapolis."

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TERRE HAUTE, IND.

Mr. Edward Allen, of North 15th street, is on the sick list but is slightly improved. Mr. Allen is a resident of Vincennes, Ind., and also a cousin of Mr. George Booker.

Mrs. Anna J. Russell, the wife of Mr. J. Russell, of North 14th street, is suffering severely with an attack of fever.

Mr. Albert Waters, of Paris, Ill., has opened up a nice restaurant on 15th street and Carl avenue. It is in a beautiful location and he expects to meet with abundant success.

Saulters M. E. chapel has closed her revival services which were conducted by the Rev. W. H. Pope, evangelist. He will hold a ten-day meeting at Merrill M. E. chapel, cor 13th½ street and Elizabeth avenue. His subject for Monday night was, "A Sinful Home Destroyed in a Single Day."

Mr. Edward Morgan, of 2240 Tippecanoe street, left Friday for Arkansas on a hunting trip and will be gone several weeks before returning.

NEWS FROM STREATOR, ILL.

J. H. Simmons, Jr., is general manager of the merchandise department at the baseball fair of last week. .. Presiding Elder Rev. A. T. Jackson, of the Springfield District, was here on Sunday and Monday ... The Ladies' Gleaning Society will meet with Mrs. Jane Hicks Friday evening. .. Carter Sprols is again on the street, saying he is glad to be out. Mr. J. C. Cunningham is the largest bee raiser in this section of the country; in fact, in Illinois. He has got 'em. .. "Should Women Vote?" was the subjejct at the Literary Society Thursday evening.

Miss Freddie Johnson had an operation performed on her throat.

Miss Lena Foster is again out and at her post.

Don't forget the Thanksgiving dinner at the A. M. E. church. Committee, May Martin, Mine Walker, Anna Peairs, Ida B. Simmons, Jane Hicks, Mabel Dilinger.

Get The Freeman at J. H. Simmons, 611 E. Main street.

Thanksgiving Bazaar at the Second Babtist church. Lots of good things.

NOTES FROM MARION, VA.

(By F. V. Cyrus.)

Billy Terry, the well-known blackface comedian, stopped in Marion, Va., for a week's rest, and before his many friends knew anything about it he had taken unto himself a wife, Miss Florence Cyrus, one of the best known society ladies in Marion. Mrs. Florence will continue her work teaching school at Saltville, Va., for the rest of the season. Mr. Terry will continue playing vaudeville until spring. Billy Terry gave a concert for the benefit of the First Baptist Church Friday, November 20. The church was well filled and a fine program was enjoyed.

EARLINGTON (KY.) NOTES.

Rev. J. J. Redix, of Hopkinsville, Ky., grand master of Mosaic Templars of America, lectured here Monday night at the A. M. E. church.

Rev. R. B. Owendoff, of Russelville, passed through the city last Saturday en route to Madisonville. While there he preached at the Oak Grove Baptist church.

Rev. H. H. Carter, 819 Hays street, Hopkinsville, Ky., former pastor of A. M. E. Zion church of Earlington, now state evangelist, passed through the city Monday en route to Madisonville.

DETROIT THEATERS.

Green and Pugh Stop Show at Dudley's Vaudette.

(By Heber.)

Toy Brown, that dainty little lady, opened the bill and gave us fifteen minutes of real pleasure in neat song and dance and clever character work, and went well.

Green and Pugh, those classy boys, are a riot in a new act and songs, a classy act, interspersed with neat comedy and eccentric dancing, making them more popular than ever. Their ovation lasted five minutes.

An interesting feature of the bill is centered about the Cubanola Trio, headed by Miss Effie King. They are good to look upon and possess real ability to both sing and dance, giving them a coveted position on the bill.

Charles Anderson, a character comedian, with a real tenor voice and an ability to impersonate and yodle, has an act worthy of big time.

The Abyssinian Trio, those pretty ladies with thrush-like voices, won the Detroit audience with their sweet renditions, namely, "The Rosary" and the "Moon Song." An act worthy of much praise.

Johnny Woods closed the bill. No use saying he went as ever—big.

THE ALABAMA MINSTRELS.

We are in Louisiana at present, after forty weeks out, traveling 12,000 miles. The show will close at Monroe, La., opening about the latter part of February or the first of March. The show will open next season larger and grander than ever. Some of the boys go to their homes, while others join other shows and hit into vaudeville.

Mr. Ernest Watts, comedian, says he has a single that can't be surpassed.

Elwood Johnson, leader of the orchestra, is going home to Owensboro, Ky. Son Shaw and Harry Walker are rehearsing a skit for vaudeville called "The Two Eye-Openers."

The Pewees will go in vaudeville for a few weeks, then take a rest for the opening of next season.

Dick Brown wants to know where is Sunny Dixie Minstrels.

Cheatham, our mezzo-tenor, has something to offer the public before long.

McFarland, conversationalist and tenor singer, is to spend his vacation at Newport, Ark.

Show closes December 5.

FREDDIE PRATT WRITES FROM "A RABBIT'S FOOT" CO. AT GREENVILLE, MISS.

We are still in the old State of Mississippi, where business is always good, and although we have encountered a few cold days, our business has been marred but little. The bunch are all happy and full of fun and anticipate some big doings as the holidays approach. The band, under Mr. E. W. Blake, is doing nicely and continues to make friends. Mr. Leroy Knox, that versatile comedian, joined us at Greenville and is a great addition to the stage. He sends best regards to the Eph Williams Silas Green Co. and says for W. A. Baynard to write (business of importance). Billy Moone sends best regards to the Pete Worthy's Florida Blossoms. Also A. D. King and P. W. Wade send best regards to the Stressly Hoffman Minstrels. S. S. Hale, our tall trombone player, is creating quite a sensation featuring those "Memphis Blues" and Robert Everleigh, our boy buck and wing dancer, says, Hello, Cuba, of the Stressly and Hoffman Greater Minstrels, and says wake up. We welcome The Freeman every week. All mail can reach us through The Freeman. The writer sends regards to Ralph S. Redmond, of the Allen's Minstrels, and says, I told you so. Why don't you write?

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH NEW YORK VAUDEVILLE?

(By Scrip, Formerly Critic of the New York News.)

New York city is now the home of a decayed and a demoralized vaudeville system. This is due largely to the lack of competition in the theatrical district of Harlem. If we leave out the motion picture houses, there is only one theater in New York city catering to colored audiences.

The show current at that theater is one that is both weak and of the suggestive. There is too much of the ballingjack element in it, and as every theatrical expert will inform you, such will not long support a large house. The theater is as much of a social institution as a place for amusement. The lower element enjoy vile jests, wriggling dances, and limb display; the better element do not. When the better element begin to boycott a house, the lower element, which alone can not support a theater of a large seating capacity, leave for fear that they will be branded as such. The suggestive actor, for that reason alone, has brought upon himself and his brothers and sisters the color line.

Too often those without talent attempt to hide their weaknesses in a bushel of "ballingjack" and a gallon of "blues." The glory of Belt Williams, George Walker, Ada Walker, Bob Cole and Rosamond Johnson has vanished so far as the colored stage is concerned. Today the Negro theater is merely a pretentious cabaret.

If the colored theater would endure it will have to undergo virulent reform. So far as the present season is concerned it is beginning to assume the position of the big road show. The people are tiring of it, and are flocking to the motion picture houses.

The news has reached us that Jesse Shipp is coming back. He and Henry Troy are writing the libretto and lyrics for a musical comedy that will feature Daisy Martin and two discoveries in the blackface division. We are glad to learn that Mr. Shipp, after his long rest as a playwright, is to return, and we hope that his new production will have all the literary fulfilment of his "Abysinnia."

James Reese Europe and the union are at peace, so much at peace that he advises all musicians aspiring for a place to join the union with him. We hope that under Europe, Kildare, Brymm and Jordan the colored musicians will retain their hold upon Broadway.

A week ago Sam Lucas, according to a local newspaper, went to a New York hospital for the purpose of dying. This week he walked into that newspaper office recovered, and looking as hale and hearty as he could under the circumstances. Lucas, well beloved to the theatrical public. May his years be as many as the leaves in July.

The concert world in the east is becoming lively. For the pre-lenten we are promised Anita Patti Brown, Roland Hayes and other attractions. Thursday night Fenton Johnson, the poet, assisted by Ruby Mason, a new discovery, appeared at a local church. On the same night Henri Strange, of "Menelik" fame, gave a recital with surrounding talent at another church. Considering the weather, both recitals and the Cleff Club's affair were well attended.

THE ED F. PEAT STOCK COMPANY

The one and only Ed F. Peat and stock company are packing the Dixie Theater nightly. We do vaudeville and stock. Hendrich and Lee are cleaning up in their funny act. Little Helen Lee is one blackface comedian. Aunt Marie Hendrich holds her own as she did in 1871. Miss Trixie Butler is going big nightly in her single. Some girl. Arthur Bengerman is also cleaning up nightly on his sentimental singing. C. H. Coffey is back with us this week and is hitting them hard at every show. Go on, soft black. Last but not least, Miss Ella Hayes and Ed F. Peat have reunited and are a scream from start to finish.

Managers wishing to get in touch with this act address Ed F. Peat, 520 North Second street, Richmond, Va.

NOTES FROM J. M. BUSBY'S MINSTRELS.

We are now touring the Lone Star State, meeting with success. While playing Paris, Texas, November 10th, Miss Nannie Pogue gave, in honor of Busby's Minstrels, a dance at the Pastime Theater. Music was furnished by the minstrel orchestra. Every one who attended seemed to enjoy themselves until the wee sma' hours. After the dance the members of the company were guests at the restaurant of which Miss Pogue is proprietor. A nice spread of plenty to eat and drink was awaiting us. After lunch we continued dancing until broad daylight. Paris is one little city in the Lone Star State that will long be remembered by the Busby Minstrels. Success and prosperity to Miss Nannie Pogue in all her undertakings.

T. D. Triplett had the pleasure of meeting many old friends while showing at his home. He was also highly entertained by friends and relatives of Clarksville, Texas. We also showed Greenville, Texas, and had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Will Daniels, formerly of Alabama Minstrels. Frank Nichols also met many old friends at his home, while showing Bonham, Texas. He also had the pleasure of meeting his brother, Stump Nichols, while showing Terrell, Texas. The Sunny Dixie Minstrels closed in Terrell, and many of the boys visited us Sunday and Monday while we were there.

The entire company sends regards to all in and out of the profession. Frank Nichols would like to hear from Prof. Roy Pope.

The teachers of Tuskegee Institute sent to Miss Ruth Baldwin a handsome silver vase as a wedding present. William H. Baldwin, Jr., her father, was at the time of his death president of the Tuskegee Institute Board of Trustees.

Your neighbor will subscribe. Ask him.

STAGE GOSSIP
J.B. DAVIDSON

RABBIT FOOT GOLD BAND.

(By Joe Watts.)

Ramble, ramble every day,
Around the globe we go.
Battling in the Amusement field,
Beside other shows by the score.
It is a fact of our Band,
The story will ever be told.

For every instrument used in it,
Oh yes, they are plated gold.
Our Cornets are all gold plated,
Trombones, and Tuba too.

Gold Molephones with melody,
Of course sounds good to you.
Let's give credit to Joe White, a
Drummer from Southern land.

Boys, 'twas he who started out—
Rabbit Foot Gold Band.
Never before in the history of old,
Did the negro have a Band of Gold.

STAGE NOTES.

Lew Hall and the Academy Players in and around Pittsburg.

Harry Fiddler, writing from Racine, Wis., says that his wife, who has been ill, is much better.

Clarence Williams and William Benbow are now in New Orleans working on a new act. Address 240 South Rampart street.

Archie Blue, singing and dancing comedian, still taking two and three nightly, and is going some.

S. S. Hale, trombonist, en route with "A Rabbit's Foot" company, sends regards to all friends. He is featuring those "Memphis Blues."

Will Bird, violinist on Marshall's Southern Shows, please write to Larney Barnes, care Dixie Theater, Anniston, Ala. Important business.

Bantte & Carter are with the Smart Set Company and are making good with their dancing specialty. They send regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

Leroy Knox, comedian, now en route with "A Rabbit's Foot" company, sends best regards to the "Silas Green" company, and says for W. A. Baynard to write. Business of importance.

Simms and Tompson at Carroll theater, Rome, N. Y., week of Nov. 16; Academy theater, Buffalo, N. Y., week of Nov. 23. Hello, bunch. Hello, Elwood. Now playing Loew's circuit.

Mule Bradford has been on the sick list for the past ten days, but is recovering rapidly, and says watch for his new songs, "If Loving Kills Me, Sweet Baby, Let Me Die," and "All the Time."

Prof. R. Roy Pope and wife are spending the winter in Dayton, Ohio, 114 Pulaski street. Regards to all, especially Profs. Wolfscale, Lowery and James Harris. Would be pleased to hear from all their friends.

The Marvelous La Vola, slack wire king, is with Reed's Famous Troubadours Company, making one-night stands playing opera houses. So La Vola is everywhere. He has some act. Watts Bros., Ganes Bros., write. Hello, Leon Lang.

Prince Ali Mona, the high caste Hindoo entertainer, featuring Oriental magic and mental telepathy, is now the big feature of the J. C. O'Brien Famous Georgia Minstrels. His oriental conjuring, in which he presents the rope climbing, mango tree, paper tearing and Lota, starts them to guessing, while his fire eating brings down the house.

THE REED'S FAMOUS GEORGIA TROUBADOURS.

H. P. Coffey, Owner and Manager.

H. P. Coffey, sole owner and manager of the Reed's Famous Georgia Troubadours, after playing Cincinnati three weeks, opened the road season November 16, in New Richmond, Ohio, this being the first opera house show there in four years. Mr. Coffey had the city billed like a circus; in fact, all you could see was red paper announcing the coming of Reed's Famous Georgia Troubadours. The parade of 22 people left the opera house promptly at 12 o'clock, headed by Manager Treble of the opera house. It is needless to say the people turned out en masse to see the parade. All you could hear was windows and doors opening; "Mamma, here comes the show!" One little child yelled: "Mamma, hasn't that girl got a pretty dress on?" Mr. Reed took his band out again at 7 o'clock at night to be sure the people would not go to sleep, and such a crowd did follow that band that it took Mr. Coffey and Mr. Treble of the opera house to make the people fall in line to get them from crushing in the front to get their tickets. At 7:45 the S. R. O. sign was hung out and we played to turn-away business. New Ripley, Ohio, our next stand on the river, was waiting to hear our band and see our show. At Manchester, Ohio, we were met by Manager Henderson or the opera house, who told us the house was entirely sold out. Mr. Coffey certainly dug up maiden territory for Reed's Famous Georgia Troubadours. He still is working his brain, digging up some more. He just came back to the show and says he has found a town called Owentown, six miles by ferry, twelve miles by automobile, first minstrel show ever playing the town. Mr. Wolf, manager of the Owentown theater, thought so much of Mr. Coffey's show that he is building a special stage in the skating rink. We will let you hear more from us in our next letter. Yours truly,

H. P. COFFEY,
Sole Owner and Manager of Reed's Famous Georgia Troubadours.

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SYD CARTER'S "SUNNY SOUTH" COMPANY HOLDING THE STAGE AT THE NEW CROWN GARDEN THEATER.

A Rip-Roaring Farce Comedy Full of of Hits and Laugh Opportunities—A Distinguished Trio of Singers.

Manager Tim E. Owsley is giving his patrons what they need this week if one is to judge by the hilarity and good humor of the audiences at the Crown Garden nightly.

Syd Carter's "Sunny South" announcement has been seen in The Freeman time and again. The company seemed one of unusual merit along its lines, according to the very favorable mention seen of it enroute. So, when the posters and placards were seen about Indianapolis announcing that Mr. Carter's troopers were to be seen at this playhouse the week of November 23 the news spread, and as a result Mr. Owsley had difficulty in caring for the crowds.

The Company Carries a Brass Band—Some Band!

A brass band is a mighty "engine" of attraction—any brass band. A good one almost works marvels. And Syd Carter's "Sunny South" company has a No. 1 band. It was recalled after playing its special number, a very unusual thing for bands. It made short parades during the week, proving a big advertiser.

The "Sunny South" Company.

The company is made up of a dozen or more persons—all men. It opens with a cafe scene, where the members appear as waiters, all neatly dressed and looking as if fit for the Claypool or some other first-class hostelry. Jack Johnson acted as head waiter. They work together nicely in movements and steps. Rich harmony is heard in the song, also good individual voices. In fact, music is a feature of the show. They sing "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia."

During the number the comedy was furnished by Boston Webb, known as Rufus, and John Warren, chef. Rufus, who is the leading comedian, gets in late, but "business" picks up as soon as he enters. Warren, the chef, does the "Fifteen Cents" song, and in great style. He succeeded in getting more out of it than anyone else who has ever sung it at the Crown Garden theaater. Johnson, the head waiter, and Rufus get off some good ones by way of straight and comedy.

Bob Edmons has a nice lyric tenor voice, which he uses to great advantage. He made a hit singing "Till the Sands of the Desert Grows Cold." His high tones were fine and pleasing. His conception of the rendering was different from what had been heard at that playhouse.

Jack Johnson sings "Any Old Port in a Storm" in fine style. His subcellar tones won him applause and recall. Ed Woods sits at the piano and sings "I Wish You Would Keep Out of My Dreams." He is another clear-voiced singer of high range and pleasing tones. He is joined by the chorus. John Spikes plays the bells and other instruments. He was nicely received.

Rufus, as comedian, keeps the house going all of the time he is on. He is a comedian proper, considerably impromptu at all time; that is, he makes up as he goes. This was noted in the little stunt with Syd Carter, who, as an English waiter, has a tilt with Rufus, the colored waiter. He told Carter that he knew that England had a lot of Germans over there. Carter's acting is of a good order seen at this point and also when he does the telephone "business" with Rufus.

The Band Rehearsal.

The head waiter reminds his men that it is time for band rehearsal. They get together with their instruments and from the first note until the last one they are winners. The band, directed by the head waiter, Jack Johnson, is effective and picturesque. He looks just like the other fellows as he swishes his baton through the air and strikes his various attitudes. Rufus with the bass drum and Warren come in for the comedy.

The yodel song, in which Rufus features, goes big. He also leads "Goodby, Boys, I'm Going to Get Married," in which all join. The close is happy, when Rufus' wife comes by telegraph.

The company: Syd Carter, manager; John Warren, Jack Johnson, Bob Edmons, Ed Woods, Nate Stirman, Tom Stirman, John Spikes, William Bell and Boston Webb.

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A trio of lady singers was the added attraction to the bill. They are Maude Browne, Gertrude Jones and Elva E. Ellison. They will be remembered for their beautiful singing about a year ago, when they appeared here. Their "Moon Song," with pictures on the screen, will not be easily forgotten. All in this number conspire to make it beautiful and pleasing.

Their other songs are "Amina," "The Rosary," and "When the Angelus Is Ringing." The blend of their tones and their true singing voices is what lend distinction to what they do. One, on hearing them, thinks at once of class.

Chicago Weekly Review

By Sylvester Russell.

CARITA DAY AND JEWISH COMEDY AT THE GRAND.

Tolliver & Chappelle Pleased Last Week.

There was another big reception in store for Miss Carita Day last Monday evening when she entered the stage for a return engagement. "Lucky Moon," a singing number, a recitation and the dance of the dummy captivated, even with an unnecessary addition.

Sidney Shepard, in a Jewish comedy entitled "The Black Hand," was a talented actor. The story of his son Morris, who deplored his father's stinginess was cleverly enacted and gave delightful pleasure, assisted by a clever boy and a fair actress.

Gould & Stevens pleased in bits of consummate art. Bennett & Marcello were passibly proficient. "La Cabaret De Tamais," the second offering by Tom Brown and Billy Johnson, although a little tedious, had bright sparks of comedy throughout. The cast was good and included Mattie Wilkes, who wore a nice costume and sang with artful grace, Stella Wiley, Leona Marshall, Rose Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Stone, W. Rodger Jones, Carl Dryden, Loney Crosby and others.

The second half of last week had Tolliver & Chappelle, the opera singers, in a Mexican and Indian scene, including a tussle vocally and dramatically. Skillful Mlle. Nadje, a thrilling female contortionist, created a stir of interest. Estille was a lively topical singer. The Ony Trio were artistic dancers with a novel finish. Tom Brown and Billy Johnson, with Mattie Wilkes, continued popular throughout the week in "Twenty Miles from Home," which drew big houses.

Mr. Ragtime Returns to the New Monogram.

Irvin C. Muller and Kid Brown returned to this house last Monday evening extremely popular and the show was better than ever. Besides the stars, Ethel James and Esther Bigeon were special features. Rosetto Brannam was fairly good in blackface and Orena Howard, the contralto, sang beautifully. Lillian Turner, Blanche Brown, Madge Glenn, Ida Griffin and others completed the company. Irvin C. Miller, who is author and producer of the play, is a brilliant young writer. It is rumored that he and Kid Brown, who is an extremely funny comedian, are to dissolve as partners, but it is hoped not, as they would have a successful feature by remaining together.

Old Monogram Theater.

Owing to the lengthy shows at the other houses, I did not visit this one. Johnnie Woods was the main attraction. The Russells and Isola Ringgold were also on the bill.

The Motion Picture Houses.

The States Theater had its usual large turnout last Sunday night. Chas. H. Mitchell, the picture trap drummer, is now making a specialty or his chimes and cannonading. George Cummings is now the popular publicity man at this theater.

The Lincoln is reviving since Maurice Calkin has been seen at the door. He is expecting to put on first-run pictures and augment his orchestra.

The Phoenix continues to draw big crowds owing to the excellency of the pictures and the orchestra.

The Fountain is now drawing large colored audiences.

The Atlas Theater, at Forty-seventh street, with Horace George's Orchestra, is beginning to draw large houses. Manager Murphy, who is seen at the door, is very popular.

The Star has been having very good attendance.

The Washington is booming owing to its fine orchestra, which includes Erskine Tate, William Giles, Harry Johnson and Daniel Porter.

Stage Notes and Stroll News.

There was a benefit given on last Thursday week from 2 to 6 p. m. at the Phoenix Theater for George Turner, an employe, who was reported to be very ill. J. Ralph De Voe, a young magician, was on the bill. Mr. Turner died as we went to press.

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Lew La Marr has changed his name to Marshall, and with his wife the new team will be known as Marshall & Brown. They are booked on the Loew circuit and opened at the Colonial.

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Jennie Frances Harris, of Saginaw, Mich., who sent flowers by telegraph to Mr. Bragg at his benefit, will probably be interested in his coming dramatic production.

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Bert Murphy and Kid Thomas stopped the show last Sunday at the Columbia Theater. They are filling dates on the Western Association time.

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Harry W. Jenkins is now stage manager at the Franklin Theater.

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Jack Ryn was the prize winner last week at Sam Carter's Royal pool and billiard parlor. Thanksgiving turkeys were given away.

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The Grand Symphony Orchestra will give its second afternoon concert next Tuesday, December 1. Miss St. Clair White, the violinist, will be the classical feature. I must here notify Manager Foster that I am not in the habit of sitting in the gallery at the Grand nor at colored concerts in Orchestra Hall or the Fine Arts building; neither do I desire a seat in a box. I will review the two performances after the next concert.

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Harrison's restaurant and lunchroom has opened at 3515 State street, next to the States Theater. It is now one of the finest places on the South Side.

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John H. Wyckliffe, the trap drummer at the Monogram, is in no way implicated in the recent squabble. He had been sent for by Manager Klein to take Smith's place some time ago when the drummer got discharged.

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In this issue I wish to inform the public that Messrs. Middleton and Chambliss, the two detectives, were not implicated in my arrest last week. Henry B. Miller ordered the arrest while I was being attacked by the drummer. So I take this means to exonerate them. There is no truth in any report that I am unpopular with any detectives. They have all treated me square. When I wrote editorials on the Chicago Defender I advocated a larger detective and police force for the South Side and the system was reinforced.

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A birthday reception, given in honor of Al Russell by his friends and employes, took place at Odd Fellows' Hall on Thursday evening one week ago. Three banquet tables were spread and lunch was served free, including beer and wine to all guests who were there by cards of admission. The tables were decorated with chrysanthemums, and when oyster cocktails were served James J. Kelly rose and in a neat little speech presented Mr. Russell with a silver loving cup inscribed "With Best Wishes from His Employes." In response to the presentation, by protest, Al Russell, who was touched by the honor thrust upon him, stated that he would sooner buy a drink than make a speech, then proceeded as follows: "We were always chums together since 1858, and always found it best to be chums, me and myself." Then he waved an American flag he found in the cup. Dr. Jones was also a speaker and Charley Young was toastmaster. Ruth Belmont, who sang "There's a Pretty Spot in Ireland," was chief entertainer. When the floor was cleared, Fisher and Ross gave an excellent exhibition in tango and cake walking in Mr. Russell's honor. Dancing was then in order until the early shade of dawn.

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The grand opening of the new De Luke Cafe took place last Saturday evening. The tables were decorated with flowers and the waiter service was perfection. Morton's Orchestra of seven pieces was the life of the occasion. The soloists were Cook & Bernard, the two sweet-voiced cabaret entertainers. William Bottoms and Frank Preer are the proprietors. The De Luxe is located at 3503 State street and is destined to become popular.

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The Wise Man's Plea.

Why should you treat me with such scorn?
Why envy me—
When all wise men are manner born,
And you refuse to see?

Why not then listen to my plea?
O vain ingrate—
Tossing your hopes into the sea,
And tampering with fate.

Why linger in the dark so late?
Your friend, indeed!
I've made for you an open gate,
And you have failed to heed.

ROBERT CHURCH THEATRE NOW OPEN.

MEMPHIS, Nov. 23.—An event of more than local importance is the reopening of the famous Church Theater, which has been closed since the death of the great capitalist who built it for the people of the largest colored city in the country.

Succeeding to the ownership of the theater, Robt. R. Church, Jr., who is fast developing into a great leader in all the affairs his many interests touch, decided to reopen it only after long consideration. Now that it is opened under his patronage the people of Memphis, home of music, and the people of this section, are all in preparation for a winter of high-class amusement. Church's Theatre is the largest colored play house in the United States, and was built at great cost. It enjoys a nation-wide fame and is situated in the heart of the city of Memphis. For years it has been the center of the life of the people of this city.

The opening night brought the Clark Comedy Company and the only Puggsley. Clark has a better brigade of mirth than he realized himself, and each of his players is a star. There's just a little difference in the shining. It is a company somewhat in advance of the aggregation accusing itself of comedy that one meets on the rounds.

Puggsley holds his own for eccentricity and for bringing in the novel things.

Church's is preparing to bring to Memphis all the latest and highest acts on the several circuits. Thus far Dudley's Time has supplied the bill. Home of syncopated music and all the dances that now holds the nation's toes to the line, Memphis is congratulating itself upon the opening again of the theatre that made it famous as a theatrical center.

In addition to the latest acts, from which the "rough stuff" is whacked, Church's will run the kind of pictures that are not seen in every motion picture house. Not only the themes of general interest but the great colored stories in the movies will be seen on the great canvass.

NEW YORK NEWS.

(By Billy E. Lewis)

Miss Trixie Richards, the little dainty, is scoring a big success with the songs "Mississippi Cabaret," Chis Smith's big hit at the; "At the Fox Trot Ball, and "In and Around New York City."

Miller & Lyles are at the Orpheum Theatre, St. Paul, Minn.

Coates Keene & Johnson are at Proctor's Theatre, Plainfield, N. J.

Wilson & Wilson are at the Orpheum Theatre, Salt Lake City.

Cooper & Smith are at the Dominion Theatre, Ottawa, Canada.

Dodson & Gordon are at the Bijou Theatre, Bay City, Mich.

The Kratons are at Pantage's Theater, San Francisco, Cal.

Madame Pauline Dempsey is one of the many features at the Hotel Press, 19 West 135th street, N. Y., introducing the popular hits; also Mme Lena Bronaugh, the well known pianist.

Don't forget when in New York to visit the Association Billiard, the finest in Harlem. J. A. Shipp, Jr., manager, 2283 Seventh avenue.

The clever team of song writers, Chris Smith and James Burris, who wrote Balling the Jack, have signed with Jos. W. Stern & Co., to write exclusively for these publishers. They just issued two hits at the Fox Trot Ball and Fifty-fifth.

At the Libbia Dining Rooms, 115 W. 131st street, Miss Cora Cross and Miss Lillian Rose, in popular melodies. Mr. Robt. Keys, manager.

At the Ford Williams Dining Rooms, 61-64 West 134th street, N. Y., where you have good music and best meals in Harlem, with nice furnished rooms. Performers, get wise.

At Woods' Cafe, 2161 Fifth avenue, many new novelties will be introduced this winter. The Cabaret show is a big feature.

At Leroy's, 5 West 135th street, Miss Maud Shelton, Mabel Shelton, Josephine Stevens and Ethel Coleman are the attractions.

Harry Stout, the violinist, has left the Dunbar Hotel, but they have a good cabaret show just the same. 129 West 53rd street. Joseph Boyd, manager.

The Devan Cafe and Dining Rooms, 259 West Thirtieth street, where dancing and cabaret are the features. Chas. Devan, manager.

Billie Jones would like two girl singers and a comedian. 228 Prince street, Brooklyn, ... Y.

At Griffen's Crescent Cafe, Mabel Turner, and Minnie Sharpe are the entertainers.

The Barron Astoria Cafe—Good cabaret show. 2275 Seventh avenue. Visitors welcome.

At the Amsterdam News, 17 West 135th street, New York, there is letters for Harrison Stewart, Kid H. Thomas, Wm. Reed, Frank Montgomery, Ed J. Tolliver, Willie Brown, Jessie Cliffer and wife, Miss Laura Moss, Peat & Hayes, Johnson & Wells, Johnnie Woods, Wm. Hardy, R. P. Braddix, Miss B. Small, Leonard Johnson and S. Kellogh.

ST. LOUIS THEATRICAL NOTES.

Booker Washington Orchestra Merits High Praise—Mason & Sanders, Floyd, Nickerson & Ramsey Maintain High Standard Demanded by Patrons.

(By Herbert T. Meadows.)

The orchestra at the Booker Washington Theater has become one of the features of Mr. Turpin's popular playhouse. St. Louis demands and appreciates class, and the work of this musical organization has reached an ideal that is being appreciated by the patrons, who respond with encore after encore nightly. This week Von Suppe's overture, "Poet and Peasant," is being featured in a most excellent rendition. James H. Harris is leader and violin; Miss Ruth Heath, piano; Fred Richardson, clarionet; Steve Adams, trombone; Jay C. Bryant, cornet, and Jasper T. Taylor, trap drummer.

The vaudeville bill this week is very good.

Mason and Sanders,

a musical comedy pair, score nicely in their original work. Mason makes a big hit with his own composition, "If You Don't Believe I'm Running," and his dancing. Sanders' piano specialties help to round out a good act. They are excellent singers.

Floyd and Floyd

are a delightful singing and dancing team with a good measure of witty dialogue. The female member is attractive, well costumed and a good singer and dancer. Mr. Floyd is a scream in his burlesque work. Their closing version of "Alabama Bound" is a feature of the show.

Charles Nickerson and Alice Ramsey, after a novel entrance, keep the audience in a continuous uproar until they finally leave for "The Sunny South." Their dialogue is witty and original. Miss Ramsey goes good in her song number and "Nick" takes the house by storm with his characteristic drollery and piano work.

Rexey Jones, of Jones & (Edna) Morton, was taken with pneumonia last week and the pair were unable to finish their engagement here. They are at 7 South Twenty-second street.

Mahlon C. Wilson, of the 101 Ranch, passed through this week from Hot Springs to his home in Sewickley, Pa.

The sixty-fourth birthday of J. E. (Pop) Adams, the old circus man and bandmaster, was celebrated Thursday, November 19, by the B. W. Orchestra, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Turpin, Miss Susie Sutton, Bozan & Granger, Pamplin the Juggler and Jones and Morton, with a luncheon and music at his home.

THE DOUGLAS THEATER, MACON, GEORGIA.

(L. B. Mound, Pianist.)

The attractions at the Douglass Theater for the week November 23rd-28th, B. B. Joiner is heading the bill. This is Mr. Joiner's first engagement at this house. He is singing "Balliu the **Jack."**

Robbins and Robbins are making their second week here. Mrs. Robbins is featuring "There's a Mother Always Waiting for You at Home, Sweet **Home."**

Mrs. Robbins says hello to Mrs. Ara Criswell Marshall. You stole a march on me. Regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

THE BLACK HOUDINI.

The original black German Houdini and company, also known as the famous illusionists, are en route in vaudeville. They do the milk can, mail bag, larder, kettle, coffin truck, handcuffs, packing box, band box, straight jacket and iron cell tricks. Houdini has a startling act for 1915.

THE SUNNY DIXIE MINSTRELS CLOSES.

Dana Thompson's Sunny Dixie Minstrels closed the season at Terrell, Texas, on Saturday, November 14.

This is the first time the show has closed in five years. The money depression and Mrs. Thompson's poor health were the cause of closing. Everybody was paid in full. Bryant McCoy left for his home. Other members are playing dates in Texas.

After a few weeks at Hot Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and daughter Data will leave for a visit to their old home in Frisco.

The show will open late in February with everything new and on a larger scale. A number of well-known people will open with the show next season.

Jack L. Bledsoe, general agent, left for his home in Waco, Texas, for a much needed rest, it being his first vacation in four years.

Mr. Bledsoe will go to Chicago in February after people and new wardrobe for the show.

WHAT'S WHAT ON THE S. H. DUDLEY CIRCUIT.

Week of Nov. 23, 1914.

Washington, D. C.—S. H. Dudley Theatre, Lew W. Henry, Mgr.: Martin & Motley Stock Co. Howard Theatre, Andrew J. Thomas, Mgr.: Arthur Allen, Drake Walker Trio, Wiggins & Wiggins, Davis & Green. Foraker Theatre, George Tucker, Mgr.: Langster Bros. Chelsea Theatre, D. Gentry, Mgr.: Tim & Hester Moore.

Richmond, Va.—Hippodrome Theatre, W. J. Coulter, Mgr.: Crosby & Neeley, Brown & Pinkey.

Roanoke, Va.—Boston Theatre, C. L. Andrews, Mgr.: Bonnie & Semoura, Anite Wilkins.

Lynchburg, Va.—Ford's Theatre, R. F. Johnson, Mgr.: Whitman Sisters & Co.

Wilson, N. C.—Globe Theatre, H. B. Davis, Mgr.: Massengale & Crosby.

Wilmington, Del.—Hopkin's Theatre, John Hopkins, Mgr.: White & Jordan, Davis & Walton.

Philadelphia, Pa.—New Standard Theatre, John T. Gibson, Mgr.: Sellmon & Jackson, Morton & Wilson, Glenn & Brogsdale.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Star Theatre, Abe Minsky, Mgr.: Jones & Gray, The Walkers. Lincoln Theatre, Tom Delaney, Mgr.: Butler & Johnson.

Cambridge, Md.—Green's Opera House, Zel Bledseaux, Mgr.: Miller Family.

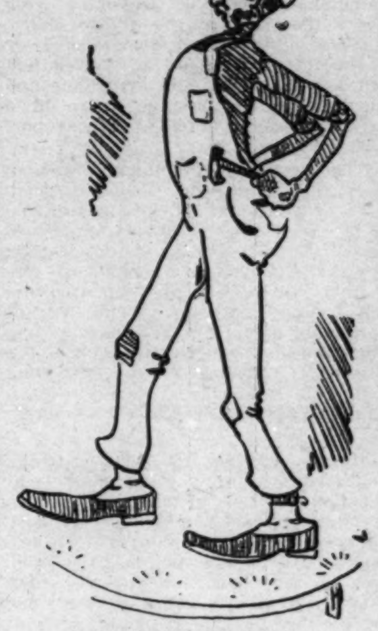
Detroit, Mich.—Vaudette Theatre, C. L. Dudley, Mgr.: Three Cuban Nightingales.

Cincinnati, Ohio—Lincoln Theatre, Marion Brooks, Mgr.: Granstaff & Davis.

Columbus, Ohio—Crown Winter Garden Theatre, Billy Smith, Mgr.: Kelly & Davis.

Louisville, Ky.—Ruby Theatre, Wilhoit & Collier, Mgrs.: Venna.

Memphis, Tenn.—Church Park Theatre, S. T. Beer, Mgr.: Clark Comedy Co., H. H. Puggsley, Cole & Cole.



SPOTLIGHT RAY.

When the Abysinnian trio is singing the "Moon Song" I wonder if the man in the moon don't enchant them with his loving smile? Anyhow they sure do sing to him mighty sweetly.

Moral: Whoever you sing to, sing with a feeling.

RUSSELL SMITH.

ROUTE.

"His Excellency, The President," S. Tutt Whitney, Temple Theatre, New Orleans, La., November 29 to December 1.

J. Leubrie Hill and "The Dark Town Follies," Clarence Logan, Business Manager, American Theatre, Washington, D. C., week of November 30.

Reed's Famous Troubadours, LaGrange, Ky., November 30; Bardstown, December 1; Springfield, 2.

Eiler's New Orleans Minstrels, Wichita Falls, Texas, November 30.

Dixie Quintette, J. Louis Johnson, Manager, Moscow, N. Y., November 30; East Pembroke, December 1.

Richard & Pringle's Minstrels, Kellogg, Idaho, November 30; Tekoa, Wash., December 1; Colfax, 2; Garfield, 3; Spokane, 5 and 6.

J. M. Busby's Minstrels, Waco, Texas, November 29 and 30; Temple, December 1.

Kibble and Martins' Uncle Tom's Cabin Co., Iowa City, November 30; Waterloo, December 1; Marshalltown, 2; Des Moines, 4, 5 and 6.

LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

Adams, Theodora
Burton, Chas. A.
Banks, Jessie.
Boone, J. C.
Bradford, Slim.
Burrell, Wm. H.
Bright, William
Childs, W. H.
Caldwell & Wilson
Carson, Ed
Collins, Eldridge
Daniels, W. E.
Davis, Robert
Denslow, Charlie
Earle, Harry J.
Freeman, Simpson
Graham, Moses
Gibbs, Arthur
Gant, R. H.
Hegamin, Wm. O.
Harris, Boyd
Henderson, Billy
Invincible Four
Johnson, Bennie
Jones & Gray
Keith, Frank
Lee, Lawrence
Ladimore, Raymond
Martin, Jerry
Mays, Livingston
Murdock, Cleancy.
May, W. M.
Means, Joe
Nelson, Buddie.
Nichols, Billy.
Nay, C.
Oliver, Jimmie
Phillips, King
Peterson, Wallace
Powell and Powell
Price, Thomas.
Parker, Tommy
Ross, L. Sug.
Riley, George
Rollins, John P.
Sanford, Harry C.
Sanders Buddy
Thomas, James
Thurman, C. P.
Thompson, U. S.
Victor, Anatole
Wooldridge, Bobby
Weaver, Millard
Webb, Jeff
Williams, John H.
White, R. C.
Winn, Joe
Wright, A. A.
Ward, Wm.
Young, Edward

Ladies' List.

Anderson, Gertrude
Butler, Trixie
Eddington, Bessie
Jefferson, Zenobia
Jones, Reubenstein
Jones, Sallie
King, Carrie
Morin, Bessie
Mack, Baby
Mitchell, Lela B.
McCoy, Viola
Overton, Anna
Perkins, Georgia
Poteet, Miss Cleo
Smith, Laura
Smith Gussie
Sequin, Tillie
Tattnel, Rosie
Vassar, Callie
Venable, Miss Willie
Washington, Lilburn

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We Come to You, Mr. President.

We come to you, Mr. President,
Who art head of this mighty nation;
We come not as wards, with heads low bent,
But as citizens, worthy that station.

We come not begging for charity;
We are asking for naught but our due.
Freedom should know no disparity,
Nor should rancor e'er darken its view.

We come, not arrogant, making demand,
Nor in our hearts is there enmity;
We ask the aid of your good right hand;
We crave your love and your sympathy.

'Tis a complex problem we bring to you,
Not to be solved by faction or creed.
We ask that you do what a man may do,
Who has God for his light and his lead.

We come to you as a Christian band,
Trusting God that you will hear our plea.
He'll lighten your load, strengthen your hand,
Clear your vision that truth you may see.

Forgive if our speech strong feelings show,
And remember we have suffered much.
A wound oft' opened is sure to grow
More tender and sensitive to touch.

Pheaton, lost way in infinite space;
His sun-chariot too near the earth came;
Its fierce heat burned and blackened our face;
Must we carry forever the blame?

Must our dark skin, like the curse of Cain,
Be a badge of shame in all men's eyes?
Ah, no! The God from whom races came
Ne'er sanctioned the right to ostracize.

Must we hide for aye behind the veil,
Without counting our valor or worth?
If our skin be dark instead of pale,
'Tis an accident only of birth.

We're here to stay, Mr. President,
And we need you and you need us all.
We must be reckoned in every event.
With us this nation must rise or fall.

We've explored the depths of Pluto's realm,
And sipped the juice from the hemlock cup.
This ship of state, with you at the helm,
Must hearken our cry and lift us up.

Let Erebus no more dominion sway.
Aurora rose-tinted promise has shown.
Good ship, sail on, and at brightest day
Anchor us all in liberty's home.

We come to you, Mr. President,
As part of this glorious nation.
We ask for our freedom, heaven sent
From God, in omniscient creation.
—Salem Tutt Whitney.

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The unhappy termination of the interview between President Wilson and the committee from Boston, headed by Mr. Trotter, which came to protest against segregation at the National's capital, has been the topic of much discussion by the Southern dailies. The editorials and headlines have for the most part been detrimental to the best interests of the colored people. Below are a few editorials I was able to cull from the Southern papers:

"The conduct of Mr. Trottah of Bosting in that call upon the President furnished only a little more proof that it is an unfortunate thing for the Negro people generally that they have to be represented in any public capacity by impudent and uppity coons who are always bellyaching for social recognition from the whites."—Houston Post, November 14.

"Negroes like William Trotter of Boston, posing as leaders, not only discredit themselves, but do their race incalculable harm by provoking incidents like that at the White House Thursday. It is not a question merely of insulting the head of the nation, but a question of silly arrogance and insolence which puts the Negro down as the grossest of fools."—Shreveport (La.) Times.

"The little bunch of Boston 'niggers' that made a 'protest' against the attitude of President Wilson in refusing to be called down by them, do not represent the respectable, self-respecting, law-abiding colored people of the United States, who are not worrying about 'race equality.' The Tucker (probably meant Trotter) darkey who tried to 'sass' the President is not a Booker T. Washington type of colored man. He is merely a nigger."—Beaumont (Texas) Enterprise, November 17.

"It has probably not occurred to the negro employes in the departments at Washington that if they have been segregated from the white employes, so have the white employes been segregated from them, and that the isolation of one class is no greater than that of the other. There may be some logical flaw in this reasoning, but at least it has a philosophical savor, and if they were more amenable to the comforting of philosophy, it might be useful to them. The facts of this matter are quite clear, and the significance of it equally so. Negro employes have been made to work apart from white employes, but that constitutes no political or economic discrimination against them. The opportunities for obtaining government employment are not lessened, nor are the wages of such employments as they succeed in getting reduced because of the segregation. Whether they work on the north or the south, or even on the west side of a building, effects the totality of their wages not in the least degree. It is their social sense that is hurt, and it is, at bottom, a craving to be put, constructively, on a plane with the whites that have egged them into making this protest. It was an unwise protest and it was presented to the President in a manner both unwise and offensive."—Galveston (Texas) News, November 14.

The celerity, avidity and evident gusto with which most Southern newspapermen pounce upon any bit of news that can be construed or misconstrued to the detriment of the colored people reminds one of hungry vultures that are able to spot their carrion from seemingly unlimited vistas of aerial flight, or of the ravenous bird that attacked the bound and helpless Prometheus and fed upon his liver with unceasing, insatiable appetite. But where is the mighty Hercules that will break these adamantine chains and free us from this unjust persecution. In direct contrast is their inability or ability to overlook the good that the Negroes are doing the country over. If a Negro does anything truly commendable, that can not but be mentioned, it finds place in some remote corner of their pages where it takes an almost microscopic inspection to reveal it. But let something be done that will construe to the discredit of the Negro race generally and it will be announced in glaring headlines, where "he who runs may read." The egotism of most American white men is sublime, for it enables them to look with condescension upon everything worth while for which they are not directly responsible. It has been our good fortune and pleasure to meet several Southern newspaper men who realize and deplore the injustices perpetrated against the Negroes, and who would use their pens in their defense if they could find a way to do so without losing prestige, or their jobs, or, worst of all, being compelled to face the ridicule of their associates. One may well exclaim, What cowards, as well as fools, we mortals be!

STAGE NOTES.

Al. Boyd will be at liberty after Nov. 28. He is also stage manager and producer, also a good stockman.

Mr. Henry C. Williams, clarinetist, with the J. C. O'Brien Georgia Minstrels, would like to hear from Carel Daniel. Write care of Freeman.

The Two Taylors, Marguerite, a dainty little dancer, and Robert, one of our cleverest boy comedians, playing two weeks at the New Globe Theatre, Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Silas Green, an actor, singing, dancing and talking comedian, formerly of the J. C. O'Brien's Georgia Minstrels, will be seen in vaudeville at the tar Theatre, Dallas, Tex.

Mr. Hurshel Ward, solo clarinetist, with the J. C. O'Brien Famous Georgia Minstrels, after a successful forty weeks' engagement is now at liberty. His home address is 510 Douglass St., Cairo, Ill.

Elonzo Williams, cornetist with J. C. O'Brien's Georgia Minstrels, sends regards to all friends in and out of the profession. At Moss Point, Miss. L. P. Anderson, write me care of Freeman.

Former Mrs. Edwards, late of the team of Mores & Edwards, is in her third week at new Lincoln Theatre, Nashville, Tenn., meeting with much success, having to respond to several encores nightly. She is a favorite here. Oh, you Edwards.

The Rabbit Foot Co. played a return date here last week, at Clarksdale, Miss. The show is one of the best on the road. At 11:30 a. m. Prof. E. W. Black presented to the public one of the best bands that has ever been in this city. The Rabbit Foot Co. is the talk of the city.

E. Alfred Drew, juggling jester and slack wire artist, after a successful forty weeks' engagement as a special feature with the J. C. O'Brien's Famous Georgia Minstrels, is now spending his vacation with relatives and friends. All mail will reach him care of Boulevard Theatre, or 1015 Belden St., Lake Charles, La.

Prof. G. W. Ayres, bandmaster on the Georgia Minstrels, is still on the two red cars of the J. C. O'Brien Georgia Minstrels, and as usual, giving the greatest satisfaction to the public with his concert band, playing music that always pleases and after the close of the J. C. O'Brien's Minstrels, Prof,. G. W. Ayres will leave Brunswick, Ga., for his home at Louisville, Ky., where he will spend a few weeks' vacation with his relatives and friends until time to go to rehearsal for the season of 1915. Prof. G. W. Ayres will leave Louisville, Ky., for Brunswick, Ga., to take up his same position with the J. C. O'Brien's Georgia Minstrels, and he also sends regards to all in and out of the profession. Prof. G. W. Ayers' home address, 511 South Seventh St., Louisville, Ky.

THEATRICAL NEWS OF TAMPA, FLA.

Walter Crempton, the veteran old timer, is in Tampa, Fla., trying to buy a playhouse. He just arrived in from Havanna, Cuba, where he has been spending a few days. Black Patti was here Friday night and showed to the S. R. O. sign. The troop stopped here until Sunday night, by having a miss date. Keep on hustling, Walter. You reach the top of the ladder after awhile. Hester Keirton and Rockpile are at the Grand for three weeks. They send regards to friends in and out of the profession.

NOTES FROM KENT & YOUNG STOCK CO. WITH TOE CRANDEL AMUSEMENT CO.

Walter Davis, known as Dancing Walter, died here Saturday night, Nov. 14, 1914. He was one of the leading comedians and bass drummer of the company. We mourn his loss. The funeral services were held at the Annual Baptist church, services conducted by Rev. W. K. Marshall, Sunday at 3 p. m. The procession left the church at 3:15 p. m. for the cemetery, five blocks away, headed by Prof. Young's band, which played sacred music with sad hearts, followed by members of the company and white friends of the Crandel Amusement Co. A committee of gentlemen rendered noble assistance in the persons of Chas. Scott, H. Hamilton and Frank Thomas. We recommend with pleasure the colored and white citizens of Newton, Texas, to all troopers as friends when needed. The remainder of the company is well. Jennie B. would like to hear from Susie Cook. Prof. Young would be glad to receive a line from Prof. Jno. Erwin, and Musician C. W. Kent wants to hear from performers in and out of the profession. Route: Sour Lake this week; Port Arthur, Tex., next. C. W. Kent, stage manager; W. H. Young, music director.

FROM RICHARDS AND PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS.

(By Pearl Moppin.)

The big show continues to draw large audiences in Montana, and everything is running nicely.

The boys have had some jolly times at the many receptions in Havre, Great Falls and Lewistown, Mont., the past few days.

At the last named town the "Georgias" were entertained at the Dunbar club. Everything lovely. Robert Leach will have the leadership of the band, as C. W. Striplin closes Nov. 16 and leaves for a trip East. Robert Young, solo cornetist, closed Nov. 10 at Lewistown, Mont.; Memphis bound. He leaves a No. 1 reputation and his clarinet and saxophone chair is very warm. (Hot indeed.) The saxophone four are Robert Leach, soprano; B. F. Stevens, alto; Pearl Moppin, tenor, and Robert Miller, baritone.

Robert Leach would like to hear from Frank DeBroit of the Four Brass Men. The boys send regards to A. G. Allen's Minstrels. Bear hunting is good in Montana. Ask Robert Miller and Chicken Reel Beaman. We know that Mr. Elwood Johnson, band master of the Alabama Minstrels, has been along this route.

David D. Smith is singing the allies' popular war song, "It Is a Long Way to Tiperary," and taking three to five nightly.

Mr. Will Isaral says hello to Randall, and wants to know where Perry Gant is. Walter Lee says hello, McCammon. We are mobilizing.

B. E. Edwards sends best regards to the Manhattan Stock Company. Will be out again next season. Pearl Moppin and Robert Miller say, "Hello, McCamon and Joe Norton. We are walking 'John Booker.'

Sydney Kirkpatrick, our popular president, continues to meet old friends. He met some in Great Falls.

Of all the receptions Lewistown took the cake. Invitation free by the Dunbar club. Everything else 10 cents to $3.

The company sends best wishes to John Haines and several of the boys who are O. K. Regards to all.

NOTES FROM J. C. O'BRIEN'S FAMOUS GEORGIA MINSTRELS.

We are down home in dear old Georgia and business is good in spite of the cold weather. We will close our show in Brunswick, Ga., Dec. 2, then our band will play "Home, Sweet Home." Mr. Silas Green, the Lone Star comedian, is heading the big company. He will be seen in vaudeville at the Star Theatre, Dallas, Tex. Mr. E. Alfred Drew, juggling jester and slack wire artist, i sstill keeping his audience spellbound. Mr. Sam Jones, the funny droll comedian, is still handing the public some clean comedy. Mr. Willie Mathews, the boneless wonder, is still bending. Prof. G. W. Ayres and his famous concert band, is still pleasing the public. Prince Ali Mona, the high class Hindoo magician, is still the featuring attraction of the concert. Performers and musician watch The Freeman for the O'Brien No. 1 and No. 2 show. E. Alfred Drew would like to hear from Lockwood Lewis and Hi Henry Hunt.

NEWS OF THE F. C. HUNTINGTON MINSTREL CO.

(By S. V. Bevard.)

We are now entering upon our second tour of the Mississippi delta and so far business has been good. We had the pleasure of meeting the Florida Blossom show last week at Port Gibson, as they were passing through, and a general handshaking of old friends ensured. Since our band leader, Prof. E. W. Brown, has received his gold cornet; Mr. Frank Edwards, trombone, and Mr. James Mullen, tuba player have placed orders for new instruments from the same company, C. G. Conn. Prospects look good for a gold band on the mighty. The stage line up is doing fine under Jolly E. Davis and Wm. Sadler, while the band and orchestra, under Prof. E. W. Brown, is making for themselves a lasting reputation among the community. Regards to all friends.

C. W. PARKS-TOLLIVER MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY.

The mastodon aggregation opened here in Augusta, Ga., for one week. This being a return engagement and the company being much stronger than before, the manager was requested to stay another week. Both white and colored pay numerous visits to the big show and pronounce it the best ever. New costumes from the New York costume house arrived last week and are quite an elaborate addition to the ensemble numbers. Business is still above the average. This is our final week for the big waterproof pavilion, as we go from here to the capital city of Atlanta and play the Morton theater indefinitely.

Madam Tolliver, our featured prima donna, is singing Jerome H. Remick's last hit. The madam is ably assisted by the famous Tolliver quartet, Tolliver, Wright, Carter and Barefield.

Miss Tressie Leggs, the cute little high brown, is a real versatile performer a comedienne of ability. The peculiar style of her whirlwind dancing usually has a tendency to mystify the vast crowds and very often she is greeted with a silver shower.

Miss Maggie Graham, the stately showgirl, is rehearsing a new specialty and one of the kind which should prove a winner, for she is the possessor of stunning attire. The writer is at a loss to classify her beauty, except to say that her face is precisely the kind to convince a jury.

Mrs. Ruth Sprague Prince is the happy recipient of a new trombone and mandolin case. Her new venture is to play a trombone solo while mounted upon Arthur's shoulders.

The Woodens are well received, and special mention should be made of the female member, who is game to the core and unlike the other daughters of Aunt Heggie, for she can perform seemingly impossible feats while her male partner is riding at breakneck speed.

Miss Artie Bell McGinty is one of our best chorus workers and a front row girl. She sends regards to friends in and out of the profession.

Isaac (Slim) Jones, the tall talker, is always a favorite, and declares he will knock 'em out of their seats when we show Atlanta. He sends regards to the A. G. Allen bunch and Pearl Moppin. Our stage manager and producer, Mr. Alex Tolliver, is busy rehearsing a new afterpiece which he claims will eclipse all previous efforts. Clara Smith is still stopping the show. She sings all kinds of "Blues," and it's a common occurrence for her to receive a silver shower, as the South is "Blues" crazy. The band and orchestra is under the leadership of Mr. King Phillips. More anon.

EILER'S MINSTRELS.

Jno. W. Dennis writes: We are doing a fine business through Oklahoma. We are now in this territory and our show is a scream. Eiler's Minstrels is in a class to themselves. Our band and show are praised daily. We now have with us young Happy Kimbell, comedian and dancer. He is a riot. Mr. Jimmie Garrett, eccentric dancer and drummer, is a card to any show. We had the pleasure in meeting the Alabama Minstrels No. 2. And we had a grand hand shaking and minstrel review of the past. Jno. Dennis had the pleasure of meeting his old friends, J. C. Miles and Henry Anderson, the monarchs of minstrelry. LaRose, Female Impersonator, is a feature of our show. Allie Young, wire artist, still marvels. Chas. Johnson is improving as a young comedian. Mr. F. B. Woods is with us. Our orchestra is under the leadership of Napoleon Black. Our concert band is a sensation and directed by Mr. J. Elmer Moore. The Walburgs, Happy and Rae, are doing nicely. They have added some new song numbers to their act. Wm. Jackson, conversationalist, is making good. LaRose and Jno. Dennis send regards to Miss Ceola Vaughan, also Mrs. Ethel Fields. Buddie Helms sends regards to Estes Pace. We boast of the best colored show today, stage, band and orchestra. Mr. J. M. Busby and Mr. Jones, of the Alabama Minstrels, paid our show a visit in Hope, Ark. Jno. W. Dennis is improving in health and making them laugh nightly. In a class by himself. R. O. Henderson sends regards to the Freeman and Professor LaRose says hello, Jeff Smith, I'm playing baritone in band. Some boy.

GIBSON'S NEW STANDAR DTHEATRE, PHILADELPHIA.

Jaded vaudeville appetites responded with right hearty good will to the fillip offered at the new show for the week at Gibson's New Standard Theatre. Abbie Mitchell was the headliner with a new array of songs permitting an exploitation of character types. Miss Mitchell has a keen sense of values and she is remarkably facile as a satirist. When she sang "My Heart is Pining for You" she was decuedly "clevah," and she had to respond to demands for one of her older successes. She was assisted by Will Marion Cook at the piano. Miss Mitchell was the recipient of many bouquets during the week. The Blank Sisters, two girls of spirited manner, sang agreeably and made a success. The Noisy Four was a quartet composed of two men and women. They had a perfect novelty to introduce the members, and got the audience from the start. They were good singers, too. Davis & Walton helped to amuse on a variety of musical instruments. Perrin & Crosley were favorites. They made themselves popular from the start, as Miss Goldie Crosby is a trained artist and knows how to give spice to their work and she deserved the applause given them. The 10 Georgia Campers with new ballads and dancing specialties, added to the merits of a bill of the usual Gibson quality.

J. ARTHUR CONLEY AND HIS LONDON PLAYERS AT EVANSTON, ILL.

J. Arthur Conley and Billy Ward the Black Dockstader, seen in ludicrous roles at the Vaudelle Theatre. One of the grandest surprises in the theatrical profession was presented to the patrons of the Vaudelle Theatre in Evanston, Ill., interested the initial performances of J. Arthur Conley and his Great London Players in a compact repertoire of original playlets and tabloids from the pen of Mr. Conley, whose reputation as a producer of merit is known from coast to coast. The management of the theatre in honor of the opening performance, had his spacious theatre profusely decorated with banners, flags and elaborate decorations in honor of the company's arrival from Chicago. The curtain raiser presented by this clever organization was the funny tabloid "More money than sense," which evoked much laughter and applause and proved a grand vehicle to bring out the innate qualities of the two principals. Miss Dolly Stewart, Miss Bessie Jackson, Miss Henrietta Brown, Miss Lena Turner, also that clever dancer, Maggie McCray shared the honors with Mr. Conley and Mr. Ward and were the recipients of much applause and handsome bouquets from many friends in Chicago, who made automobile trips to witness the opening performance. An olio of three vaudeville acts rounded out the bill and each stood out for itself in its respective lines. Congressman Robinson and Hon. Mr. Steele witnessed the opening performance. Mr. Ward and Conley accompanied the gentlemen to Chicago in their automobile.

NOTES OF LITTLEJOHN'S UNITED SHOWS.

(By Silas C. Elliott.)

We are still in dear old Georgia and having the usual success that follows this show. We will not close this winter. Will be in southern Georgia for a number of weeks yet. Mr. Thomas P. Littlejohn, owner and manager, still wears the same old smile. The smile that successful managers wear. Mr. Geo. Riley, of Riley & Riley, is stage manager. Say, but Geo. is putting on some good shows now. We have a complete change of program nightly, and that is going some. Miss Johanna Lang, our conversationalist, and character artist, never fails to win applause singing "Goody, Goody Good." Orr & Orr are still holding their own. Mr. Orr is singing the "Vale of Dreams," assisted by Madame Orr, our prima donno, and Misses Elsie Givens and Annie Porter, our two little soubrettes. Charlie Gentry, as the king of the jungle, is a scream. Mrs. Maggie Gentry is convalescing after a few weeks' illness. The Oliver trio, Prentiss, Madame Jimmie and little Walter, are making good. Madame Oliver is featuring "You're so Different from the Rest." Mr. Oliver is leaving them screaming when he sings "The Root in the Ground" and the "Old Hen Cackle." Little Walter is dancing. "Nuf sed." A feature with this company in the near future will be a ten piece band under the leadership of Silas C. Elliott, cornet soloist, and former bandmaster of the famous 2nd Regt. Band at Augusta, Ga. Andrew Hawkins says hello Junious Latham, write me again. Jos. E. Lewis, trap drummer, was in Atlanta a few days ago "curving" around with Tommy Parker and some more of the boys sprung a new one on the bunch. "If 94½ Decatur street was a novel could Lonnie (Read) Reid?" We send regards to friends in and out of the profession. We read The Freeman regularly and the ghost walks right on.

J. B. NORTON WRITES FROM ALLEN'S MINSTRELS.

This is our last week in Mississippi. We will soon be in the state of Arkansas. We have been in Mississippi since August the 27th and have done good business. Our show this season is far above the average for a tent show, and we don't bar house shows. We claim to have the best show on the road, bar none. Clifford Break, the sweet silver tone tenor, is still with us and is heard nightly. Mose McGinty sends regards to the Bringle bunch. He says he is still pumping the big horn. The Florida Blossoms show passed us at Cory, Miss., and a great handshaking took place. Miss Lillian Shanter is making good with "What it takes to make me love you you have got it." Miss Bonnie Bell Drew, the charming little lady, is making good with "You Have Won My Heart." Then comes the two Clarks, Harry and Lillie. Their work is taking and pleasing. They know how to deliver the goods. Miss Beulah Curtis is keeping up with the bunch singing "Crying Jest for You" and "Some Boy." Overton & Jenkins, as the Jew and the Coon, is some act. Now what it takes to make a minstrel we have got it. We have with us the great magician, C. B. Drew. His act is great, The Three Jolly Old Men don't fail to bring the house down nightly, W. R. Earl, Clifford Brooks and Happy Howe. Prof. J. H. McCamron's big band is still featuring the "King Philip Blues." The entire bunch is in good health and sends regards to all the boys. Say they intend to close the state in good shape next Saturday in Lula, Miss. J. B. Norton sends regards to the Callie Smart Set. Why don't you write? Would like to hear from Clifton Boyd. Write to Hazen, Ark.

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Bell Bros.' Orchestra, of Carroll, Iowa, under the leadership of B. J. Bell, is still doing a fine business in the old corn state, playing strictly for O. Fays. He sends his best regards to his old friends up and down State St. J. Frank Terry, business trombonist, of Omaha, Neb., is still with the orchestra, and doing nicely, and says the "Four Braca Men" where are you? C. A. Daniels is now located in Carroll, Iowa, with Bell Bros.' orchestra, doing nicely. He sends best regards to friends in and out of profession. Mr. Arthur Bell is featuring "Deacon Bells" with the orchestra: Mr. Fred Bell, our manager, is classed as one of the best pianists in the business. It is a pleasure to hear him play the works of the great masters. He sends regards to all friends. J. Frank Terry, 517 N. Clark St., Carroll, Iowa.

THE TRAMP AND THE SCHOOL BOY.

A Poem to Watts Bros. Acrobatic Act.
(By Joe Watts.)

A School Boy met a Tramp one morn,
While on his way to school.
He did not think it any harm,
To call the Tramp a fool.

The Tramp stood gazing at the Boy,
Very tired, hungry, and sad.
And asked him for a bite to eat,
Or some money if he had.

The lad then looking in his face,
With eyes very bright and gay,
Promised that he'd feed him,
If he with him would play.

The Tramp then agreed,
To what the Lad did say,
Off with their coats, and hats,
And they began to play.

The Lad was very clever,
In Acrobatic feats.
He throwed some clears, and twisters,
Alighting on his feet.

The Tramp then gazed upon the Lad,
With eyes of eagerness.
For he remembered well the time,
When He could turn, and twist.

And so they played together,
For a very short while.
Doing dangerous acrobatic stunts,
Of nearly every style.

When they had finished playing,
And as the curtain came down,
The audience filled with amazement,
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WILL JOHNSON FIGHT McVEY OR WILLARD?—THE CHAMP'S LINES ARE CROSSED—THE FOOTBALL GAME—GEORGE ADE'S VERSES.

(By Billy Lewis.)

The fight captains have it now that Champ Johnson will not meet Willard in March, according to the supposed arrangements of a few days ago. He will meet Sa mMcVey, the erstwhile Parisian idol, who gave such an excellent account of himself in Australia a few years ago, until one Sam Langford came and contested the distinction with him. What happened in the antipodes, as between the two Sams, is now ancient history. However, it may be said that the Sam from home, our own Tar Baby of Boston, took some of the games—took the most of them.

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It is thought that the expatriated Sam was either ashamed to face his home, fay Paree, after his defeat, or could not get away for reasons heretofore cited. In picturing him as one ashamed to return home, it may not suit his case, but it is human nature to feel humiliated and chagrined to come back to one's own baffled and beaten. I saw two fighting cocks in an engagement. Neither of them was cowards. They fought admirably and practically to the death; however, neither one was killed. But they contended for victory and supremacy until one, the older one, was unable to longer respond. He was heavy and tired in the end—when the knockout blow came. The whipped scrapper was so thoroughly conscious of his defeat that he looked human and pitiful. He won my sympathy, and I said in my mind, "try the scrapper once more; these are your premises, and you have permitted a stranger to run you out." But plainly enough, he was tired, worn and sore. He could battle no longer. He seemed ashamed to face me. I am sure he was ashamed to meet the hens, for he stuck under the house, completely broken in spirit, giving his rival the field and the hens (carte blanche).

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McVey's peregrinations since leaving Australia reminds one of Ulysses of the Odessy on his return from the Trojan war. According to the chronicle of his whereabouts he left Australia last June. He was half way to England when the war broke out, and being on a German steamer the vessel ran into a neutral port in South Africa. After many experiences, with the aid of American ambassadors and the United States government, McVey was forwarded to England by way of Lisbon, Portugal, and he will arrive in New York this week.

It is not understood that McVey had hardships further than the delays that he was subjected to.

The sporting fraternity seems to rejoice that the lost has been found; it will do the best thing it knows how to do for him, including the killing of the fatted calf, if possible. The fatted calf in this instance is Champ Jack with whom they wish to match him for a go for the heavyweight championship. What was said of Johnson and Willard a few days ago, as to a match and terms, is now being said of Johnson and McVey. Terms are being prepared, so it is said, to the end that the fight will take place in Havana, Cuba, instead of Mexico, the country supposed to have been decided on for the scrap with Willard.

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Here follows an introduction to an article on football by Christy Mathewson, the well known baseball player:

A few days after the close of the football season statistics will be printed showing the number of boys killed in the game this fall, and a cry will go up for the rulemakers to change the play so as to lessen the danger. No game is worth while which is going to kill a single or young man unnecessarily, but I believe those in charge of football in the various schools and colleges are more to blame for accidents than football itself under the present rules.

If the close observer will trace back most serious accidents to their sources, it will be discovered that, in a majority of cases, either the victim lacked proper condition or his oppenents had broken the rules for roughness. Football of today is not a rough game in my estimation and is not any more dangerous than baseball. Figures will prove this fact, I believe, and McGraw is the frequent authority for the statement that figures do not lie, especially about a player's batting ability. I think the records will show that more fatal accidents occur in baseball every year than in football.

In the old days, many football coaches encouraged roughness, and a certain star would be selected, before the contest started, to be put out of play as soon as possible. This sort of an attack used to get a great deal of publicity in the newspapers, and the smaller schools would adopt the same tactics with the resultant black eye for football. The newspapers were inclined to make heroes of the players who used these tactics, and they became popular throughout the country. But the attitude of the various football coaches has changed now, and seldom is a star put out of the game, and practically never is this done purposely in contests played by the larger college teams. It is considered bad sportsmanship.

Space does not permit the reproduction of the entire article, as I wish to "top" this week's effort off with "The Glorious Touchdown" b yGeorge Ade, who from his fulsome expressions, evidently knows all about the near national game.

THE GLORIOUS TOUCHDOWN.

When the crisp autumnal zephyrs whistle through the leafless trees;
When croquet is a sweet regret and tennis is non est;
When the baseball player stays indoors for fear that he will freeze
And the picnic trousers get a needed rest;
When Mackinaws and yellow shoes are packed away with care,
And the summer sash becomes a muffler gay,
Then the college football specialist emerges from his lair,
And buckles up his armor for the fray.

He rises up at 4 a. m. and runs ten miles or more;
A plunge in icy water then before he eats a bite;
He breakfasts on raw steak and toast, and quaffs a pint of gore,
And works with clubs and dumbbells until night.
He dare not smoke a cigarette nor touch his meerschaum brown,
And every night at 8 o'clock he tumbles into bed.
No more with boon companions does he paint the college town,
And fill the peaceful residents with dread.

But out of all these hardships and this abstinence unwilling,
There comes a day of triumph for the Rugby devotee,
When on the frozen battlefield, unheeding winds so chilling,
He scrimmages and tackles in the hope of victory.
What though he grinds his features to a pulp so raw and gory,
While the strong and beefy opponnents are seated on his frame?
What though he never lives to tell his children of the story?
Though death comes with the victory, the team must win the game.

The college yell inspires him still, and though each bone is aching,
And though the hazy landscape swims before his blinded eyes,
The precious spheroid comes his way and through the rush line breaking,
He's down within the goal line, and the team has won the prize.
A ton or more of writhing flesh with him is mixed together,
His leg is wrapped around his neck, four teeth can not be found;
But he has passed the goal and hangs on to the leather;
He is the hero of the day; he's carried from the ground.

With proper care and nursing he will soon return to college;
A compound fracture of the leg, some cuts, a broken nose;
In the meantime he is not acquiring literary knowledge,
And the family physician to his bedside daily goes.
When he resumes his studies he'll recite each day at dinner,
All the more exciting features of the memorable game;
Next year, if he's recovered, he will make the team a winner
By going into training—the result will be the same.

—George Ade.

To the readers of this column I regret to say that I am unable to contribute one original word on football. But I'll never be missed among the excellent authorities that I will try to give from time to time.

WHAT'S DOING IN SPORT.

Nate Lewis, manager for Charley White, has canceled White's scheduled ten-round at Milwaukee with Johnny Kilbane on November 30. Lewis gave no good excuse, according to Kilbane's manager.

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NEW YORK.—Joe Shugrue, of Jersey City, in his first fight since his return from Australia, outpointed Walter Mohr, of Brooklyn, in a ten-round bout in Brooklyn, Nov. 18.

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SAN DIEGO, Cal.—Sam Langford won from Dick Cameron in the sixth round of a scheduled twenty-round fight here Nov. 18. Cameron hurt his wrist in the fifth and quit in the next round.

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NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Billy Gibson today announced he had received a cable from London in which Jack Johnson confirms the report that he will meet Sam McVey in Havana, Cuba, next March. Johnson is to receive $30,000.

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NEW ORLEANS, La.—Frankie Burns, Jersey City bantam, last week won from Kid Herman, local boy, when Red Walsh, Herman's manager, threw the sponge in the ring when the gong sounded in the thirteenth round. Herman had taken an awful beating about the body from Burns and was unable to go further without being knocked out. His stomach was badly beaten.

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Milburn Saylor and Ray Bronson returned from Boston, where Saylor lost a decision to Joe Mandot in twelve rounds before the Atlas A. C. Saylor said that he was entitled to a draw. Several Boston papers said that the contest should have been called a draw, as Saylor landed the most effective punches and was the aggressor throughout the contest.

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SAN FRANCISCO.—Officials of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition have received from the local section of the American Power Boat Association the program of the motor boat regatta to be held here next year.

In addition to a long distance race from New York to San Francisco, which already has attracted four entries, the plans indicate two weeks of racing to take in every type of gas propelled boat, including cruisers, express and heavy duty, displacement and hydroplane speed boats, fishing and open boats.

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Walter Bresnahan, the new manager of the Chicago Cubs, will receive $18,000 per annum salary. It is said that $6,000 will go to him as salary for playing and $12,000 for managing the team.

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From a sutter in a tailoring shop in Chicago to one of the prominent contenders for the lightweight title is the short story of the rise of William Ankowitz, better known in the ring as Billy Wagner. He is the youngest brother of Charley White, the famous lightweight. Wagner is under the management of Lou Davis, of this city.

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D. J. Tortorick, a boxing promoter of New Orleans, has awarded contracts for the construction of an octagonal shaped building to seat ten thousand spectators, where he intends to stage twenty-round bouts. The structure is expected to be ready in two months.

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SYDNEY, Australia (via London)—Johnny Griffiths, the American pugilist, knocked out Hughie Megehan, the former lightweight champion of Australia in the eighth round of their fight here, November 17.

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BOSTON, Mass.—In one of the best bouts that has been seen in this city for a long time, Joe Mandot of New Orleans was declared the winner over Milburn Saylor of Indianapolis, in their twelve-round bout at the Atlas Athletic Club, Nov. 17. As was expected, there was action from the start to the finish, and the decision of Referee Halley of New York satisfied most of the fans.

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CLEVELAND. — Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, has announced he would sign to meet Charley White, contender for the lightweight championship, in a ten-round bout at Milwaukee on November 30. Kilbane is also matched to meet Joe Mandot at Akron, O., on December 6.

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DENVER.—Sam Langford may be seen in action in Denver early in December. Jack Kanner and Louis Newman, managers of the Colorado A. C., are planning to match him with Jack Thompson, local colored heavyweight, in a fifteen-round bout on December 8.

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Young Sam Langford boxed Leo Patterson a thrilling ten-round draw at Philadelphia, Nov. 19. Is matched to meet "Seattle Kid" in the near future in Philadelphia.

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Kid Snead would like to meet some good welterweight at some early date. Kid Edwards or Young Viney preferred, before any club offering suitable inducements. Address all answers to Kid Phillips, 219 W. Green, Louisville, Ky., and oblige, Kid Snead.

AMERICA MAY GET 1916 OLYMPIC GAMES.

PARIS.—The Olympic games in 1916 may be held in the United States. Baron Pierre de Coubertin, president of the international committee, says if any circumstances, material or sentimental, prevent their being held in Europe in 1916, they can not be postponed until 1920, as suggested, but that they might be held in America.

The war, Baron de Coubertin thinks, will not have anything more than a brief, temporary effect upon sport in France. Individual records will suffer, because such stars as Jean Bouin, the great runner, have fallen at the front, and others, no doubt, will follow. The younger element will not reach their highest form for three years or more, but eventually, the baron thinks, the war will prove to have been an incentive to physical training.

MANDOT WILL FIGHT WELSH AT NEW ORLEANS JANUARY 10—AMERICA WANTS THE LIGHTWEIGHT.

NEW ORLEANS.—Joe Mandot will get his chance to become lightweight champion of the world here on January 10, when he will meet Freddie Welsh, present holder of the title. Dominick Tortorich, local fight impresario, launched this fight as a counter attraction to any that Tom McCarey might offer during February, since McCarey had announced that he would enter the local fistic field during the month of January or February, 1915.

"I will also match Gibbons and Clabby," said Tortorich, "if any reasonable offer will bring them together. I am figuring on fighting them in my new arena on the Sunday "just before Mardi Gras or on Mardi Gras day. I think a total outlay of $18,000 will bring these two men together, and that their meeting will decide the championship in their class."

HANNIBAL WILL GO AGAINST JIM BLACK AT WEST BADEN.

Jack Hannibal, the local middleweight, will battle Jim Black, the Evansville heavyweight, at West Baden Spring, November 24. This looks like Hannibal is taking chances fighting big ones, but he says he has boxed large ones and won. Who knows how a fight may end?

Black knocked out Jack Killerbrew, of this city, last week in eight rounds and the fans are liable to see some grand fireworks when Hannibal and Jim Black meet.

TWENTY PER CENT REDUCTION IN SALARY LIMIT OF CLUBS URGED.

Classes A and B Leagues Decide On Big Cut—Limitations on Number of Players to Each Club.

OMAHA, Neb.—A reduction of 20 per cent in the salary limit of minor league clubs was the recommendation of the committee on constitutional revision of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues. It was adopted, so far as it concerned Class A and Class B leagues. Leagues in Class AA were permitted to revise their salary lists as fitted their convenience, and leagues in the C and D class were given until tomorrow to agree on a limit.

The recommendation of the committee followed an address by Garry Hermann, chairman of the National Commission, in which he declared that organized baseball leagues should have salary limits in keeping with the gate receipts.

Suggest $5,000 for Class AA.

The schedule of salary limits, presented by Judge Kavanaugh of Little Rock, chairman of the committee on constitutional revision, suggested the following limits:

Class AA, $5,000 per month; Class A. Southern Association, $3,200; Western League, $2,800; Class B, $2,000; Class C, $1,200; Class D, $1,000. These limitations were put on the number of players: Class AA, 28 for first twenty days and 18 during the season; Class A, 26 and 15; Class B, 24 and 14; Class C, 22 and 12; Class D, 22 and 12.

Because the Federal League had clubs in two American Association cities representatives of the league objected to their salary arrangements being made public and club owners were permitted to agree privately on what their limit should be.

Eight Clubs for Central.

In the Central League, which it is proposed to raise from six to eight clubs, it was stated there were several applications for franchises. They will not be granted until a satisfactory distribution of territory can be arranged.

The Canadian League, with a club in Erie, Pa., has felt the war, but officials of that league stated they expected to go through the season although permission was granted them to retain their standing if the clubs found it necessary to disband for a year.

A question arose as to the likelihood of the Northwestern League playing ball next season, the European war, it was said, having made very precarious the likelihood of the 1915 season being profitable. Dispatches, however, from the owners of the Spokane Northwestern League baseball franchise declared that they have reason to believe that the Northwestern League will play ball. They said they knew of no movement to have the league suspend.

Little Fellows Suffering.

Animated discussion over the limits of Classes C and D resulted in the case going over until tomorrow. Several representatives of these small minors declared they would be unable to exist with the proposed salary limitation. Classes A and B made no protest, and the limitations were accepted.

The board of arbitration will give out tomorrow a further list of awards of claims of clubs and players.

POLISH WRESTLER.

Seeking a Match with Champion Frank Gotch.

NEW YORK.—Despite the fact that the high cost of living is on the advance, Waldek Zbyszko, the Polish wrestler, evinces a strong desire, through his manager, L. Kowalski, to post $1,000 in real money to bind a match with Frank Gotch, the wrestling champion. The young foreigner has appeared before the public in wrestling matches for four years, and during that time has never been defeated ;in fact, none of his battles ever went to a draw decision. For the last four months he has been in South America, where he says wrestling and all other sports are in a very prosperous condition. "The Latin-speaking people seem to glory in feats of strength and skill," he says, "and the attendance at the different sports in these countries, particularly in Argentina, is surprising."

LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMP GETS A SHAKING UP.

Jimmy Duffy Entertained Him and Then Some—Verdict Between a Draw and a Shading in Favor of New Yorker.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Freddie Welsh, world's champion lightweight, fought a tenround bout with Jimmy Duffy of Lockport here Nov. 19, upon the result of which opinion was divided between a draw and a shade for Duffy.

A few of the sporting editors called the bout a draw, but the majority of those present gave it to Duffy by a shade.

No Knockdowns.

The condition of both men indicated that they had trained thoroughly for the bout. Welsh weighing in at ringside at 135 and Duffy at 136½. Although the fight was a fast one, neither man scored a knockdown and both came out of the ring in good condition.

The opening round was even, Welsh getting a good right to body and left to face, while Duffy used his left jab repeatedly, but did little damage. Welsh opened the second round with a hook to the eye and a right and left to the body, but Duffy came back with a straight left to the nose, right to body and repeated left jabs to the face, Duffy having a shade at the finish.

The third and fourth rounds were slow. The fifth round was even.

Duffy Staggers Welsh.

In the sixth Duffy staggered Welsh with a right cross and put a solid left to face. Welsh came back with a punch that opened up Duffy's ear in a fierce exchange.

In the eighth round Welsh was at his best, the champion landing solid lefts to face and rights to body repeatedly. He also had the better of some fast infighting. The ninth and tenth were very fast, both men apparently trying for a knockout.

RACIAL UPLIFT IS THE WASHINGTON PLEA.

More Than 4,000 People Hear Address of Colored Educator in Armory Hall—Musical Selections Feature of Meeting.

Norfolk, Va., November 14.—Not since William Jennings Bryan and Bourke Cochran spoke here during the gold and silver campaign of 1896 has Armory Hall held such a large assemblage as that which gathered therein last night to hear Booker T. Washington speak under auspices of the Negro Organization Society of Virginia.

It was conservatively estimated that upwards of 4,500 people, of which fully 1,000 were white, attended the exercises, concluding a two-days' session of the society, which attracted to Norfolk several hundred of the foremost professional men and educators of the Negro race in America.

The event was of a character which reflected credit upon the society as well as the race for whose uplift and betterment it stands. It was marked by participation in the exercises of a number of prominent white people, among those addressing the audience being Dr. H. B. Frissell, Principal of the Hampton Institute, and Barton Myers, President of the Chamber of Commerce of this city.

Features of the meeting last night, aside from the address of Dr. Washington, were musical selections by the band, orchestra and male chorus of Hampton Institute. A stirring incident was the singing by the colored portion of the audience of the hymn "In Bright Mansions Above." Led by the Hampton chorus, the hymn was sung with fervor and a musical appreciation such as only the Negro can express in compositions of this kind.

INDIANAPOLIS CAR FIRST IN GREAT CACTUS DERBY.

Barney Oldfield, in Stutz, Wins Trophy Designating Him World's Master Driver.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 12.—Looking like a heathen idol made of mud, Barney Oldfield drove his Stutz racer into the fair grounds here yesterday afternoon, winner of the 673-mile automobile race from Los Angeles on elapsed time. Louis Kikrent, in a Page, No. 8, was second; Beaudet, No. 1, third. Bramlette, No. 19, was beaten out of fourth place by W. E. Durant, No. 2. The running time from Los Angeles was as follows:

Oldfield, 23:01:35 2-5
Nikrent, 23:35:56 2-5.
Beaudet, 25:05:23 4-5.
Durant, 26:01.
Bramlette, 26:20:40 1-5

PANAMA CANAL REVIEWS.

Colon and Panama are full of unemployed colored people. A good many Negroes here own real estate. Colored children assume motherhood and fatherhood here in early youth because of loose morals, but Negroes here are good laborers, too. There are few, if any at all, attend any high school. A Tuskegee branch would work wonders down here among Negroes.

The Panama police force carries on its roll the names of many West Indian colored men. Posing as colored Americans is the ambition of many of England's colored subjects and some claim to have succeeded in performing the feat. They possess ninety-nine parts of Christian skill and one part of business nerve. Neat dressing and plenty of sporting has been their delight while working on the canal. Many fake or false leaders play havoc among them from time to time. Anyhow they are still toiling on the Panama Canal. Their wages begin from 10 cents U. S. A. per hour to 20 some cents, taking about one-half year or more to reach the 20 cent rate per hour.

Some Facts of Boxers.

BY

Young George Dixon

Sam McVey here to battle Johnson in Cuba early in March. A cable from Johnson to the New York Evening proves this to be a fact. I had an interview with McVey in New York upon his arrival here from Paris, and in reading The Freeman McVey noticed the writing that Johnson was to meet Jess Willard and immediately disputed this and remarked that's wrong. He is to box me, not Willard. Then he begins telling his story of their long trip and how much of their valuable time they were obliged to spend in going around through Africa before they could get to Liverpool, and all on account of the war. This grand old gentleman even showed clippings from several different foreign newspapers that mentioned his departure and how well he was thought of there. No doubt they regard this gent as one of the best present day heavys and he is quite confident that he will be returned the winner and you may bet your last penny that this is going to be a mighty happy fighting day in Cuba. Already this pair has met on several occasions and that was when McVey was hardly considered a topnotcher, but having since fought many a hard battle with Jeannette, Langford and others, he really deserves this chance at the title. He had planned to stop over and see Jack, but on account of the great trouble he was obliged to cancel the trip. He speaks of the work in which Saylor and Lee Johnson, the little California featherweight, who went over with Tommy Burns' stable of American boxers whom I learn did not find things very successful, Johnson being the only one who gained a few victories. I asked McVey if he would box Langford or Jeannette in a short bout before the championship bout with Johnson, and his reply was yes, if some club here in New York see fit to go ahead with such arrangements and providing the inducement is reasonable enough. Then I feel such may go a long way toward fitting me for a long go. Billy Gibson and some Havana syndicate will no doubt officiate as promoters for this big match. I learn Johnson's share in this contest is to be thirty thousand dollars, a guarantee win, lose or draw, with fifty per cent of motion pictures. McVey to receive ten thousand dollars, a guarantee and a chance at the championship, which he is well pleased with a chance at the title is well worth some twenty thousand to a man of McVey's class.

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CITY AND VICINITY.

LOCAL.

Mrs. William H. Taylor, of Xenia, Ohio, is the guest of Mrs. E. F. Stokes. She will continue her visit until after Thanksgiving.

The Friends' Club was entertained by Mrs. Minnie Knox at its meeting Wednesday afternoon at her home on West Walnut street.

Rev. C. L. Howard, D. D., formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, where he pastored Lane's Memorial Church, is now pastoring Philip's Chapel, Indianapolis.

There will be a home-coming of the members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the first Friday in December.

Mrs. Susie Ward and Mrs. Simmons, mother and sister of Mrs. A. L. Heard, arrived last Saturday from Atlanta, Ga., to spend the winter with Mrs. Heard.

Mrs. Elwood C. Knox was the guest of Miss Edna A. Scott at the City Hospital Friday afternoon to see the mural decorations painted by her brother, Wm. E. Scott.

Plans are being completed for the Christmas party to be given for the children at Tomlinson Hall Christmas eve, by the Charles Sumner School and the Woman's Club.

At a business meeting of the Woman's Council at the Flanner House Monday it was decided to invite Dr. S. N. Vass, of Raleigh, N. C., to give a two weeks' Bible course in this city, beginning February 17.

WELLS-BELL NUPTIALS.

Mrs. Eliza Wells and William Bell were married Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Wells. The Rev. D. P. Roberts, pastor of Bethel church, performed the ceremony.

ANNUAL MEETING OF FRATERNITY

Indianapolis members of the Kappa Alpha Nu college fraternity for college students will attend the annual meeting of the fraternity, which will be held at the University of Illinois, December 30, 31 and January 1.

A large delegation from the chapter of Indiana University will also attend. The national meeting was held in Indianapolis last year.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Would like to know the address of John Mathealy or George Mathealy. Have not heard from his for twenty years. Last heard of was in Cincinnati, Ohio. Any one knowing of his whereabouts will kindly write to William King, care of Merchant's Hotel, Dubuque, Iowa.

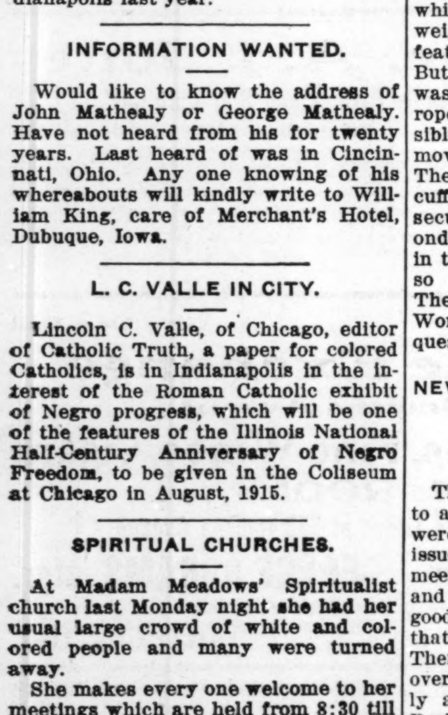
L. C. VALLE IN CITY.

Lincoln C. Valle, of Chicago, editor of Catholic Truth, a paper for colored Catholics, is in Indianapolis in the interest of the Roman Catholic exhibit of Negro progress, which will be one of the features of the Illinois National Half-Century Anniversary of Negro Freedom, to be given in the Coliseum at Chicago in August, 1915.

SPIRITUAL CHURCHES.

At Madam Meadows' Spiritualist church last Monday night she had her usual large crowd of white and colored people and many were turned away.

She makes every one welcome to her meetings which are held from 8:30 till 10:30 each Monday night. She gave eighty-eight messages last Monday night to her crowd of most intelligent listeners.



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As she glides the pole of fame;
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And the money which she earned
Has been spent upon you and me;
For she freely gives the friendless
That they, too, may hear and see.

Across the seas to dark Africa
She has lent an ever helping hand;
By establishing an industrial school
To enlighten that far off land.

Yes, she is schooling some poor boy
Who may prove to be a President;
Then with ease she can gladly rest
And say that "life was well spent."

You may travel from East to West
And think you've done your part,
But you will never come across
One with such a generous heart.

Composed by Bettiola H. Fortson,
November, 1914.

The authoress having met Madam Walker at the National Convention of Colored Women's Clubs, which convened at Wilberforce, Ohio, August past, was greatly impressed with the madam's life history which was told in a pamphlet given to the many assembled delegates and was inspired to write the following poem as a tribute to this great business woman with such a charming personality.

H. L. WONDERS AT THE MERIDIAN ACADEMY.

Meridian, Miss.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. W. L. Birch, who was called to Scooba, Miss., three weeks ago to attend to some business on his farm, has arrived again in the city where he will go back on the road as fireman for the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. .. Mrs. J. T. Davis is still on the sick list, but we are glad to know that she has improved. .. Mrs. W. T. Gillespie has been very ill but is much improved at this writing. .. Mrs. Paul Karr, who has been on the sick list for many months is up again. .. Mrs. Fannie Moten is also up and is able to do her work. .. Mr. Joe Lee, of Electric Mill, was in the city on business Thursday. Leaves today for his home. .. Mr. Harry Mason, is one of our oldest citizens, he having been a citizen here for forty years. He owns his own home and also some other valuable property. He runs a public dray and is seventy-eight years old and drives it himself. He looks and also acts young for his age. He is well thought of by all white and colored citizens who know him. .. Don't forget when you want a hair cut and shave that Louis Winchester is conducting an up-to-date four-chair shop on 5th street, between 24th and 25th avenue. .. Rev. J. T. Davis preached a wonderful sermon last Sunday at Union Baptist church. He used for his text "War Put on the Whole Army of Faith." .. When you want the news don't forget to call at Dr. Howard's drug store and buy a Freeman. W. S. Gillespie, agent.

THE MAGICAL ENTERTAINMENT A SUCCESS.

The Magical Entertainment given by Mr. H. L. Wonders at the Meridian Academy, was a success from every point of view. Every seat was taken. Mr. Wonders appeared in full stage after the rendition of a beautiful sextette by the young men of the school. Mr. Wonders walked to the edge of the stage showing a large cloth and from which he produced a large jardenier weighing forty-five pounds. His many feats performed seemed impossible. But the climax was reached when he was tied in a chair with fifty feet of rope and from which it seemed impossible to escape, then with one or two movements the ropes fell from him. Then he placed a young man handcuffed in a trunk which was roped and securely locked, then before five seconds passed he was in the man's place in the trunk, and the whole was done so quickly it was inconceivable. The entire body congratulated Mr. Wonders to the highest, and are requesting a reappearance.

NEWS NOTES FROM PINE BLUFF, ARK.

(By Uriah Threet.)

The State Baptist Convention came to an end November 22, but the details were not ready to show up in this issue. However, there was a good meeting; lots of good work reported and planned. Rev. Morris gave some good advice, and the great rupture that was looked for did not show up. There was a full attendance from all over the state and matters were quietly adjusted. -- Advices from Little Rock tell of the brutal murder of one of our leading attorneys, Mr. Lindsey, who was attacked by some unknown person and received a fractured skull. He died Friday the twentieth in an unconscious condition, and the affair is still a mystery. His funeral will be held Monday. -- Mr. M. W. Webb and wife have returned to Stutgart to look after the estate of Mrs. Willis Red. -- Mr. Will Nelson, while visiting and sightseeing at the New Bridge, was lost and Mr. Carsoda and others had much trouble in locating him. When found he was delirious. -- Mr. Joseph Mason spent his fortieth anniversary last Thursday at Wabaseca and Altheimer visiting friends and customers. Van was on the lid while Mason was gone. -- Revs. Stout and Washington of Scott's were attendants at the convention. -- Last week Mrs. Mason of the West End gave a quilting and finished eleven quilts. Her guests were Mrs. Banks, Miss Banks, Mrs. Deadman and others. -- Mr. James Rone visited Little Rock Sunday on business. -- Mr. Nat Brown and Mr. Ben Peters spent Sunday at Stamps, where Bishop Chappelle presided at the A. M. E. conference. -- Mr. R. B. Hockenhull reports a fair business last week. -- Prof. Booker and wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Webb last week. -- Judge Price seems to stem the tide. -- Mr. John McGown has planned a great pecan hunt Sunday. -- Mr. W. E. Marshall has agreed to take over all the C. C. Co.'s goods. -- Our preachers seem to know all about the war, but nothing of the affairs of the race. -- A few pennies for a good Negro paper would post that class. Those who look to the Negro for his support patronize him less—the Wilson Trotter case, for instance.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Parnell Burton, our bride and groom of November 4, upon their return from New York and other eastern cities, were received last evening by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ragland, 533 1-2 Burke street, where fully 150 relatives and friends expressed their well wishes and sincere congratulations toward the welfare of the newlyweds. The hostess was assisted by the following ladies: Mrs. R. D. Lynch, Mrs. George Rideout, Miss Thelma Lucas and Miss Edith Tocus, in the presenting and ushering of her guests. Mrs. Agnes Lucas, Mrs. J. T. Hill, Mrs. George Lewis and Mrs. Hill assisted in serving tea and coffee from silver percolators upon the artistically arranged center table, from which a continuous buffet was served. The music consisted of four selections rendered by Mrs. Fowler of Cleveland, assisted by Mrs. R. D. Lynch. There were several guests present from Cleveland, New Castle, Sharon and Erie. While in New York city our newlyweds were the guests of Madame Lelia Walker Robinson, who attended the wedding and started them away; thanks to her for sending them home picture of ideal happiness.

Mrs. Robinson is able to be around again.

The St. Augustine Episcopal mission will hold its annual fair at the Elks' club, 269 West Federal street, Wednesday and Thursday, December 2-3. Concert each night.

Mrs. Mack Parm of Hubbert spent Sunday with Mrs. Queen Robertson.

J. D. Ramsay of 22 Chestnut street is able to be around after his illness.

Louisa Edwards Court of Calanthe No. 30 will meet in regular session on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Ed Jones of East Federal street entertained Thursday evening in honor of Beulah Jackson of Buffalo, N. Y. Those present were Ida Hicks, Mrs. Wire and two daughters, Mrs. Demmelpanter. Whist and music were the features of the evening. Lunch was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Cose Stewart attended a birthday party November 19 in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Irena Brice, and Mrs. Gertrude Washington in Akron, O., at the home of Mrs. Lydia Atkins, in High street. Covers were laid for thirty-two. The evening was spent in music and whist.

MORGANFIELD (KY.) NEWS.

Two little girls, one two and the other three years old, were burned to death last Wednesday morning on the Amos Harris farm, about five miles from town. They were the children of Mr. and Mrs. George McClure. The mother left the children asleep while she went to a nearby white family to do some work, expecting to return at about 9 o'clock. The father and others were working in a field near the house. Seeing flames issuing from the roof, they ran hastily as possible, but when they arrived the fire was beyond control. The bedding was dragged from the burning building immediately and, to their sad surprise, the children were burned to death. The arm of one child was charred and the other's head was badly burned. The mother and father are intensely grieved over their misfortune. They have the deep sympathy of the entire locality. The building is supposed to have caught fire by sparks from the grate.

The School Improvement League is holding interesting meetings on each Tuesday evening, which are being the means of greatly improving school conditions here. Prof. G. C. Wakefield and the assistant teachers are preparing a brilliant program for the opening of the new school building. The date will be announced later.

Mrs. Rosa Townsend of Evanston, Ill., was here last week mingling with her many friends.

Presiding Elder S. F. Howard held his quarterly conference at the C. M. E. church last Sunday. He was ably assisted by Rev. James McClure of Paducah and the worthy pastor, Dr. S. A. O'Neal.

Mrs. Lewis Hughes, who has been visiting here several weeks, has returned to the Soldiers' Home at Danville, Ill.

Those visiting here during the Christmas holidays are assured a pleasant stay, for the church people and others are making extensive preparations for the coming Christmas to be a record-breaker.

Mrs. Belle Hughes spent the week-end in Henderson visiting her sister, Mrs. Bettie Dyer.

Mr. Charles Jones, who has been sick for several months, seems to be growing critically ill.

PERSONAL, SOCIETY AND GENERAL NEWS OF CAIRO, ILL.

Egypt Tabernacle No. 5 gave a three nights' bazaar at St. Michael's Hall on Fourteenth street. The Tabernacle spared no pains in making preparations for this affair, which proved to be a success. The bazaar, or feast in the wilderness, was held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 19th to 21st, respectively,. The hall was beautifully decorated.

Business Changed Hands.

The tailor shop formerly owned by Mr. Guy Glover, is now under the management of Mr. Chas. P. Brown. He stands ready to call for, clean, press and repair any old clothes that may be given him. Mr. Brown is an energetic young man. He has been employed as porter for the Gem Theater since his arrival in Cairo, three years ago. He has connected with his business an experienced dressmaker, in the person of Mrs. Kennedy. Try them if you would be convinced. Telephone 689-K; 1100½ Washington avenue.

Advance Tabernacle No. 87 gave a social entertainment at Twenty-sixth street Hall Friday evening. The Tabernacle cordially invites all. This affair was to make each and every one happy. Music was furnished by Prof. Kelly's celebrated orchestra. Admission, 25 cents.

Mr. N. Williams, formerly a resident of this city but now residing in St. Louis, departed this life Thursday, November 19. His remains were brought to this city Saturday night via the Illinois Central railroad. His funeral was held Sunday at the New Hope Free Will Baptist church, Fifteenth and Walnut streets. Rev. M. A. ones officiated. Wm. Donaldson, funeral director. The remains were intered in Greenwood cemetery at North Mounds.

Mrs. Robert Wall, of 316 Twenty-third street, was suddenly called to her home in Evansville, Ind., to be at the bedside of her mother, who was taken suddenly ill. Mrs. Wall's stay will be indefinite. .. Rev. McWilliams is now pastor of the Nineteenth Street Baptist church. He is an able speaker and a good man. Treat him right, members; stick to your bush.

The annual fair will be on at the Nineteenth Street Baptist church the first week in December. Fun for old and young. Everybody is invited. Mrs. A. A. Martin, Jr., is the president this year.

The Golden Leaf Club gave their usual weekly entertainment in the basement of the church, corner 12th and Walnut streets. The inclement weather prevented quite a number from coming out. This is a hustling club. Mrs. Fannie B. Jones is president.

Mr. George W. Neal, who has been absent from the city for the past fortnight on account of the death of his sister, which occurred in Princeton, Ky., returned to Cairo Sunday evening, November 22nd. On his return to this city he stopped over a day in Paducah, Ky. While there he was the honored guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Bailey of that city. Mr. Neal will be known hereafter as Rev. W. Neal. He has now cast his lot with the ministers. His initial sermon was preached here the Sunday before he was called away from the city. We wish him good luck in his new avenue of life.

The Thanksgiving committee of the Twelfth Street church is sparing no pains in getting ready for their turkey dinner, which will be held Thursday, November 26th. Mrs. Tinnie W. Walker is chairman of the committee. The church invites all to dine with them. Dinner 25 cents.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle, the mysterious knot for raising money for the Twelfth Street church will be entertained by Brother Nathaniel Lee, in the basement of the church, Friday evening, November 27th. Everybody invited, members especially.

CURRENT EVENTS OF LAKE FOREST, ILL.

The B. Y. P. U. was called by the vice-president, Rev. Bates. A scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Lenora, after which a fine and appropriate program was rendered. The first number was a solo by Mrs. Young, the second number a trio by Miss Blanch Rogers and others.

Mrs. Johnson in Westminster street is indisposed. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. Hawkins was brought from the Provident Hospital November 22nd to be placed in a sanitarium.

Rev. Dr. Brown preached a forceful sermon both morning and evening. His text in the evening, Jeremiah 5-7. His theme was "Looking for a Man." He said in part he was looking for a perfect man, not the man with pegtop pants or shorp-toe shoe, but the man that can go out and bring them in.

The bazaar given by the building committee will open December 16, 17, and 18. Come everybody and have a good time.

Miss Henrietta Holland is convalescent at this writing.

A program is being arranged for Emancipation Day. Keep your eye on The Freeman for full particulars.

The Young People's Progressive Literary meets at the first Baptist church Friday, November 20th, attending to routine business, after which they entered into their discussion, Resolved, that prohibition should be made a federal amendment to the constitution. It was ably discussed, the affirmative having the best of the argument.

SOMERSET, KY.

Special to The Freeman.

The services by Elder Wm. Richardson at the tent Sunday was good. The Lord blessed us. The Evangelist, M. E. Brown, preached at night and the tent was filled with the holy spirit, and the Lord did bless his people with a mighty shout. The tent has been standing here on Maple street thirteen months and her success has been much. Many souls have been saved under it. We are now on the outlook for a new church. It will be a Pentecostal Tabernacle and its pulpit will be free to all. God, call and send a preacher. We are looking for the blessing of the Lord to come to his house and now we are on the way to have a rally for our first money to build and it will be held on the first Sunday in December and the workers will have headquarters in Somerset until this church can be built.

W. M. Rice, of Russell Springs, Ky., and the evangelist, M. E. Brown, of Dayton, Ohio, and Wm. P. Richardson, of Dayton, Ohio, will remain here on the work until finished.

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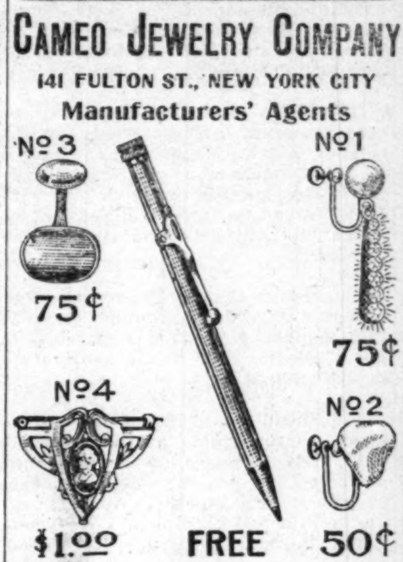

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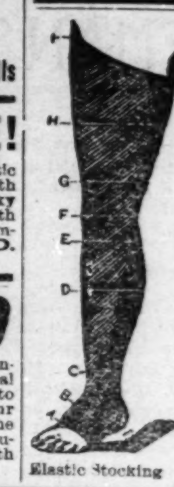

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